



Specialize in Leadership, Diversity, Community and Culture in all Applied Disability Studies programs

Designed to provide graduate-level training across key areas for career advancement in the disability sector

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Department of Applied Disability Studies Leadership, Diversity, Community, and Culture (LDCC)

Brock University is the only University in Ontario offering graduate degrees in Applied Disability Studies. Students can choose to specialize in Leadership, Diversity, Community, and Culture (LDCC) or Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

DEGREES

Admission requirements for our 2-year Master's degrees include a 4-year undergraduate degree in a related field with a minimum 75% average in the last 2 years. Preferred candidates will possess the following: undergraduate courses related to disability studies and diversity and volunteer/work experience in the disability sector.

Master of Arts (M.A.)

- Previous research experience preferred
- MA research thesis requirement
- This degree is geared toward students who will pursue a PhD
- Scholarships and bursaries are available

Master of Applied Disability Studies (M.ADS)

- This degree is geared towards students interested in career advancement in the disability sector
- Courses are geared toward current and future working professionals

FACULTY

Our faculty members are internationally respected and are involved in a wide range of ABA and disability related research.

Dr. Rosemary Condillac, Chair/GPD, BACB Liaison
Dr. Priscilla Burnham Riosa
Dr. Maureen Connolly
Dr. Alison Cox
Dr. Maurice Feldman

Dr. Jan Frijters
Dr. Julie Koudys, ABA Clinical Coordinator
Dr. Sadie Lovett
Dr. Nicole Luke
Dr. Laura Mullins

Christina Peters, Msc Ed
Dr. Valdeep Saini
Dr. Kendra Thomson
Dr. Tricia Vause
Dr. Kimberley Zonneveld

LOCATIONS

- Cohorts are conveniently located in St. Catharines and Hamilton/Burlington

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Program evaluators, applied researchers
- Consultants, supervisors
- Senior leaders in the not-for-profit disability sector
- College instructors and university instructors
- Disability advocacy
- Public affairs, public policy/administration
- Government, research and development

RESEARCH APPROACHES

- Participatory action research with persons with disabilities
- Community-engaged research and scholarship with and for persons with disabilities
- Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods designs

AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Disability, mental health, and vulnerable populations
- Improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities and their families
- Addressing societal barriers
- Addressing support needs (including health care, support systems, technology, housing)
- Accessibility in higher education
- The lived experience of disability

Complete information on the LDCC and ABA specializations can be found at brocku.ca/ads

Contributing to the betterment of the lives of persons with disabilities by providing multidisciplinary, quality postgraduate education to the next generation of professionals, researchers, and educators.