

# EXPERIENCE. APPLIED DISABILITY STUDIES. COME TO BROCK.



## Master of Arts in Applied Disability Studies (MA)

Applied Disability Studies is unique in Ontario and offers stimulating transdisciplinary graduate academic programs that can lead to exciting careers in the disability sector.

In addition to course work and internships, the MA program requires the student to complete an original research study and write an MA thesis under the supervision of a key faculty member and a thesis committee. The MA program is highly competitive with enrolment limited to between fewer than five new students per year. The program is geared towards students who are interested in research careers and perhaps pursuing a PhD.

Students with interests in teaching, community-based programming, health care, inclusive and accessible environments, advocacy and social justice, and therapeutic and other services will enjoy the professional, personal and scholarly challenges offered by the critical disabilities studies orientation of the Applied Disability Studies degree.

This option provides interdisciplinary, socio-political, cultural, and foundational scholarship written by scholars with disabilities about issues of relevance for persons with disabilities. The course bank also includes opportunities for qualitative and blended research methods, writing conventions, internships and a original research thesis. This program option provides students with both theoretical and applied experiences in a variety of online, hybrid and face-to-face contexts, allowing them to develop skills in research, leadership, writing, analysis, multi-media literacy, networking, and advocacy.

### Location

The MA courses are located in St. Catharines and Hamilton. Some courses may be during the week, on weekends, and fully or partially online.

### Job opportunities

- Program evaluators
- Research and development
- Counselling and assessment
- Consultants
- Supervisors
- Special education specialists
- Public affairs
- Public policy/administration
- Non-profit sector policy/administration
- Government positions
- College instructors
- University instructors

### Experience what's next

Students who complete the MA in Applied Disability Studies program are expected to continue their graduate education in PhD programs, after which graduates can have opportunities for careers in academic, research, post-graduate teaching, and/or practice fields. Alternatively, MA graduates can enter a field with rewarding careers.

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