



**Improve lives
and realise
potential**

Your Career in Disability & Community Inclusion

Develop the knowledge and skills to shape an inclusive society. Work in partnership with people with disability to promote human rights and social inclusion with our range of disability programs.

Whether you are seeking to expand your understanding of critical issues and approaches in disability studies, or take the next step in your career as a highly sought-after professional in a fast-growing sector to meet the needs presented by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), our range of programs will help you challenge assumptions, raise expectations, promote inclusion, and support quality in practice.

Potential Occupations

- Developmental Educator ([see the DEAI](#) for more information)
- Positive Behaviour Support practitioner
- Skilled disability practitioner
- NDIS support coordinator
- Case manager
- Program coordinator
- Disability employment consultant
- Supervisor or team leader

Potential Employers

- Disability support services
- Government sector/NDIS
- Non-government agencies
- Private sector
- Self-employment

**The NDIS will
create an estimated
1 in 5 new jobs
in Australia over the next five years**

Australian Government Department of Social Services - 2019

The four-year Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education is accredited by Developmental Educators Australia for practice as a Developmental Educator.

The Bachelor of Disability and Community Inclusion (BDCI) forms the first three years of the Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education (BDDE) degree, so graduates can return to complete the fourth year and upon successful completion be eligible for full membership with the DEAI to practice as a Developmental Educator.



Why Flinders?

Choose from our range of flexible programs

- No matter where you are in your career cycle – whether you're starting out or already working in the industry – our suite of disability programs are designed to meet your needs and those of the industry.
- The Diploma in Disability and Community Practice is the equivalent of only one year of full-time study (or the part-time equivalent), enabling you to become job ready faster.
- The Associate Degree in Disability and Community Practice is two years of full time study (or the part time equivalent) so you can choose to enter the workforce or continue in our Bachelor of Disability and Community Inclusion or Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education programs with full credits for your study.

Connect with industry leaders

- We have worked closely with industry to ensure our graduates are eligible for professional accreditation with Developmental Educators Australia Inc (DEAI). The Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education is the only undergraduate course in the country to offer this.
- Flinders enjoys partnerships across public, private and not-for-profit organisations such as Acacia Hill School in Alice Springs, I Can Jump Puddles, Growing Space, Community Bridging Services, and many more.
- Our industry partnerships are embedded in both research and education placement.
- Teaching staff are members of Developmental Educators Australia Inc (DEAI) and work closely with the professional body to ensure our teaching aligns with industry need.

Be equipped with knowledge of the latest evidence-based practice

- Many of our teaching staff are active and highly-awarded researchers and members of Flinders University's [Caring Futures Institute](#).
- We ensure our programs always have the latest evidence-based learning outcomes.

Become a sought after, multi-skilled and career-ready graduate

- Flinders has a long and proud tradition of producing exceptional disability graduates.
- Our graduates have an excellent understanding of advocacy and support services for people of all ages with diverse needs to help them live their best life.
- As a graduate you will be workforce-ready with over 500 hours of practical field placement, providing you with important connections to industry and hands-on preparation for your career. Placement opportunities are across Australia and overseas.
- Flinders graduates have an excellent reputation within industry.

Enjoy a supportive, student-centred learning environment

- Smaller cohort teaching ensures a personal approach to learning. The relationships we have with our students and graduates are highly supportive and long-lasting.
- Learn full-time or part-time. Courses are on campus and online.

Our inclusive programs

- As a leader within this field, Flinders is also committed to encouraging the participation of adults with a range of disabilities, including intellectual disability, in the social and educational life of Flinders University.
- Our '[Up The Hill Project](#)', a trailblazing inclusive university program that supports people with intellectual disability to learn, experience and graduate from university, has been going for more than 20 years. It's supported by the Disability and Community Inclusion Unit at Flinders which provides a mutually enriching educational opportunity for all.

Study Pathways

Whether you're a high school leaver, an adult entrant, or someone who has completed a relevant qualification, there's a Disability & Community Inclusion program for you at Flinders University.

Interested in a career in Disability but unsure of what degree to pursue?

Our nested undergraduate programs give you the flexibility to choose your study pathway. Graduate with an award for your completed program, or continue with further study to enhance knowledge and skills as a disability professional.



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