# Bachelor of Disability and Community Rehabilitation

**SATAC Code:**
- Internal 214101
- External 214105

## Why Study the BDCR at Flinders?
- Will prepare you for a rewarding career that allows you to make important differences in people’s lives.
- Usually leads to job offers even before you graduate.
- Is multidisciplinary in content, with contributions from psychology, philosophy, sociology, health, rehabilitation and special education.
- Allows you to develop specialist human service skills.

## Entry Requirements
- Year 12 TER 2009: 62.0; 2010: 61.0
- Tertiary Transfer/STAT/TAFE/ Mid-Year Intake
- Prerequisites
  - Nil
- Assumed knowledge
  - Nil

## Course Content
### First Year
- **Semester 1**
  - DRSR 1209 Human Diversity 4.5
  - DRSR 1210 Interpersonal & Group Skills 4.5
  - DRSR 1206 Health Issues & Disability 4.5
  - DRSR 1215 Communication & Language 4.5
- **Semester 2**
  - DRSR 1201 Perspectives of Disability & Rehabilitation 4.5
  - DRSR 1202 Lifespan Development 4.5
  - DRSR 1211 Introduction to Neurological Rehabilitation 4.5
  - DRSR 1216 Introduction to Principles of Learning 4.5
- The course also requires that by the end of the first year of study students will have undertaken, a 40-hour voluntary placement in a relevant human service agency.

### Second Year
- **Semester 1**
  - DRSR 2230 Mentoring & Advocacy 4.5
  - DRSR 2231 Augmentative & Alternative Communication 4.5
  - DRSR 2232 Practicum A – Disability & Developmental Education 4.5
  - DRSR 2233 Community Development & Funding 4.5
- **Semester 2**
  - DRSR 2234 Direct Instruction 4.5
  - DRSR 2235 Professional Ethics for Disability Practitioners 4.5
  - DRSR 2236 Practicum B – Disability & Developmental Education 4.5
  - DRSR2237 Employment & Disability 4.5
Course Content

Third Year

- Semester 1
  - DSRS 3220 Family Professional Partnerships 4.5
  - DSRS 3221 Positive Behavioural Support 4.5
  - DSRS 3222 Counselling 4.5
  - HLTH 3102 Qualitative Methods in Social Health Research 4.5

- Semester 2
  - DSRS 3233 Practicum C – Disability & Developmental Education 9.0
  - DSRS 3234 Case Management 4.5
  - HLTH 3105 Quantitative Methods in Social Health Research 4.5

Course Content

Fourth Year

- Over the whole year, students are required to do at least one 4.5 unit Practicum Specialisation topic and at least one 4.5 unit Independent Study
- The remainder of topics are chosen from elective Specialisation topics
- An example study pattern would be as follows:
  - Semester 1
    - DSRS 4100 Rehabilitation & Mental Health 4.5
    - DSRS 4101 Leisure, Arts & Disability 4.5
    - DSRS 4104 Early Intervention & Play 4.5
    - DSRS 4105 Independent Study 1 4.5
  - Semester 2
    - DSRS 4106 Applied Counselling 4.5
    - DSRS 4109 Autism Spectrum Disorders 4.5
    - DSRS 4114 Practicum Specialisation 3. 4.5
    - DSRS 4111 Intellectual Disability 4.5

Specialisation Topics

Semester 1
- DSRS 4100 Rehabilitation & Mental Health 4.5
- DSRS 4101 Leisure, Arts & Disability 4.5
- DSRS 4102 Technological Applications and Disability 4.5
- DSRS 4103 Community Rehabilitation for people with ABI 4.5
- DSRS 4104 Early Intervention & Play 4.5
- DSRS 4105 Independent Study 1 4.5
- DSRS 4106 Practicum Specialisation 1 4.5
- DSRS 4107 Practicum Specialisation 2 4.5

Semester 2
- DSRS 4108 Applied Counselling 4.5
- DSRS 4109 Autism Spectrum Disorders 4.5
- DSRS 4110 Transition to Adult Life for people with disabilities 4.5
- DSRS 4111 Intellectual Disability 4.5
- DSRS 4113 Independent Study 2. 4.5
- DSRS 4114 Practicum Specialisation 3. 4.5
- DSRS 4115 Practicum Specialisation 4. 4.5

OR Other topics negotiated with the Course Coordinator

BDCR with Honours

- A student who has completed the first three years of the Bachelor of Disability & Community Rehabilitation may be accepted as a candidate for the honours degree providing a sufficiently high standard has been achieved in fulfilling the requirements for the bachelor’s degree.
- DSRS 5005 Foundations of Honours in Disability Research 9.0
- Specialisation (chosen from the previous list) 4.5
- DSRS 4105 Independent Study 1 4.5
- DSRS 5004 Honours Thesis 18.0
- This may be done full time or part time.

Related Courses

- Programs that articulate with Bachelor of Disability & Community Rehabilitation:
  - Bachelor of Health Science (a major in Disability is an option)
  - Bachelor of Behavioural Science (a major in Disability is an option)
  - Many other courses contain elective topics and students may choose to undertake Disability topics
  - A new double degree in Education and Disability is also starting in 2011. This is administered by Education and you will need to seek advice there if interested.

Career Pathways

- Graduates of the BDCR are called Developmental Educators (DEs)
- They work in a range of government and non-government agencies
  - Disability SA, Autism SA,
  - Leveda, CARA, Novita, Anglicare,
  - Child & Youth Health, Career Systems, Minda,
  - Townshend house, Early Development Program, Community Re-entry Program, and too many others to mention here.
Notes

- In 2012, the name of the BDCR will change to the Bachelor of Disability & Developmental Education.
- The topics in the current BDCR degree (and the future BDDE) may be undertaken in internal mode on campus or in external mode through flexible delivery.
- In order to benefit from face to face experience, external students undertake practica, attend intensives on campus and participate in live online discussions.
- Single day intensives on campus are required in:
  - DSRS1210 Interpersonal and Group Skills,
  - DSRS2235 Professional Ethics for Disability Practitioners,
  - DSRS3222 Counselling and
  - DSRS3224 Case Management.

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  www.flinders.edu.au
- You can locate any staff member at Flinders University by going to the Flinders University Website and clicking on the Staff Directory link at the top.

Registration and Relevant Professional Associations

- While there is currently no registration/accreditation for Developmental Educators, there has been much work on this and, hopefully, this will emerge in the future.
- Relevant Professional Associations
  - Australasian Disability Professionals
    http://adp.org.au/
  - Developmental Educators Association Inc.

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