



STUDY **ON** LINE

BACHELOR OF DISABILITY AND
DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION





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EVERY DAY AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY, WE SEARCH FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND IDEAS THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR WORLD.

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Plugged into industry trends, professional placements and practical experiences, our teaching is designed to take you from learning to earning. Gain specialised skills in your chosen field, while also broadening your abilities in independent thinking, communication, collaboration, ethics and creativity – qualities shared by the world's leading entrepreneurs, pioneers and trailblazers.

Be ready for a career beyond the here and now. Go Beyond with Flinders University.

Flinders University was named after the famed navigator Matthew Flinders who, in an 1804 letter, explained why he was embarking on his adventurous life of discovery: "I have too much ambition to rest in the unnoticed middle order of mankind. Since neither birth nor fortune have favoured me, my actions shall speak to the world."

GO BEYOND WITH FLINDERS

Studying online with Flinders University gives you access to world-class researchers and academics. You'll meet incredible minds to stimulate and inspire you via an online study platform that fits around your lifestyle.

Our range of undergraduate and postgraduate online degrees provide you with greater flexibility than ever before, enabling you to study when and where you want.

Whether you want to balance online study with your work commitments, advance your existing career, or you simply want to learn on your own terms – online courses at Flinders University will help you go beyond to achieve the extraordinary.



RECEIVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS AN ON-CAMPUS STUDENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING ON SUPPORT OR EXPERTISE.



GLOBAL LEARNING
WHENEVER & WHEREVER YOU'RE LOCATED

Study anywhere using any device, with content designed specifically for mobiles, tablets and laptops.

Get access to a range of resources and assistance wherever you are and whenever you need it through our online support network.



FLEXIBLE & CONVENIENT

Enjoy the flexibility of fitting your studies around your lifestyle without compromising on support or expertise.

Over 90 postgraduate and 6 fully online undergraduate courses are available to choose from.



24/7 LEARNING

Access course materials, track your progress and complete assessments when it suits you through a personalised online study platform.

With no set class times, you can plan a study time that works around the rest of your daily schedule.



VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS

Collaborate and connect with students and staff in dedicated virtual classrooms for each topic.

Participate in discussions and activities, seek views from your classmates, and ask for help from your coordinator and tutors.

BACHELOR OF DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

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DEVELOP THE SKILLS TO SHAPE AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

The Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education addresses educational issues for people living with disability, such as health, communication, community, family, leisure, employment, psychology, behaviour, ethics, and achieving personal goals. The degree combines theory and practice to prepare you to become an effective and responsive developmental educator or rehabilitation counsellor able to work across multidisciplinary team settings.

- Prepares you for a career that makes important differences in people's lives
- Exposure to psychology, philosophy, speech pathology, sociology, health, rehabilitation and special education
- Graduates are recognised by Developmental Educators Australia Inc for practice as a developmental educator

ACCREDITATION

The degree offers you eligibility for membership with the Developmental Educators Australia Inc.

Graduates of the fourth-year major in rehabilitation counselling are eligible for full professional membership of the Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors and/or the Rehabilitation Counselling Association of Australasia.

STUDY PROGRAM*

First year

A typical first year might include:

- Core topics in perspectives on disability and rehabilitation, lifespan development, health issues and disability, human diversity, interpersonal and group skills, and communication and language
- Introduction to neurological rehabilitation, and principles of learning

Second year

A typical second year might include:

- Core topics in mentoring and advocacy for people with diverse learning needs, augmentative and alternative communication, direct instruction, professional ethics for disability practitioners, employment and disability, and family and professional partnerships
- Two 80-hour practical field placements in disability and community rehabilitation

Third year

A typical third year might include:

- Core topics in community development, funding and tendering in human services; positive behaviour support; counselling; and case management
- A 225-hour practical field placement in disability and community rehabilitation
- Topics in qualitative methods in social health research

Fourth year or honours

A typical fourth or honours year might include:

- Two independent study projects or topics in rehabilitation counselling
- Four 150-hour practical field placements in an area of specialisation
- A selection of elective topics
- Coursework topics and an honours thesis for students who complete the first three years to a sufficiently high standard

**Intended as a guide only. Check the course rule for this degree program on our course web pages regularly for the most comprehensive and up-to-date topic information.*

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The degree provides you with practical experience that prepares you for the workplace:

- A series of field placements provide industry experience through a wide range of sectors
- Support your study through affiliated programs funded by the SA government Department of Communities and Social Inclusion

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Your degree is the first step towards a range of employment opportunities.

Some potential occupations for those with a disability and developmental education degree as they progress through their career include:

- Behaviour or early intervention case worker
- Developmental educator
- Disability employment consultant
- Family support coordinator
- Rehabilitation counsellor

Potential employers include:

- Minda
- Novita Children's Services
- Royal Society for the Blind
- Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
- Uniting Communities

FAST FACTS

Course type: Undergraduate

Location: Online or on-campus

Prerequisites: None

Assumed knowledge: None

2017 ATAR: 60.00

Guaranteed entry ATAR: 70.00

TAFELINK: Cert IV or above

Course length: 4 years full-time equivalent

Payment options: Commonwealth-Supported Places available

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HOW YOU WILL LEARN



DELIVERED 100% ONLINE, YOU CAN STRUCTURE YOUR STUDY AROUND YOUR EXISTING WORK AND LIFE COMMITMENTS.

You'll have access to a personalised online study platform where you can easily view your lectures, readings and assignment deadlines with an online progress bar. You can download your resources and access them online whenever and wherever you are 24/7.

Learn in your own time through a series of online lectures and assignments, and engage with teachers and peers via virtual classrooms, forums and video calls.

Plus, you'll have a dedicated online coordinator to teach and support you throughout the course of your studies.

ONLINE STUDENT SUPPORT

Flinders online students have access to an extensive support network, with learning support, financial assistance, career services, and more, readily available. This includes:



Support and advice for study and assignments



Free online resources including readings and journals – with no need to buy textbooks



Extended library support hours during the semester



IT helpdesk and computer support, including software downloads and computer tutorials



Free and confidential counselling service available online or over the phone

HOW TO APPLY

All undergraduate applications are made through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). Here you will find information on commencement date options, relevant closing date(s) for applications, and the timing of offers.

You can also speak to our prospective student team for all admission enquiries and enrolment advice.

We're available to answer your questions:

**Monday - Friday,
9.00am to 5.00pm (ACDT)
Phone: 1300 354 633**



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