



Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation (BCR)



The BCR can lead to careers in areas such as:

- Community development and supports
- Community mental health
- Acquired brain injury
- Rehabilitation consulting
- Early intervention specialization
- Seniors' resource management
- Policy research analysis
- Education and Rehabilitation Therapies

...and many others

The BCR includes courses such as:

Specialization

- *Inclusive Education Courses
- *Brain Injury
- *Fine Arts Therapy
- *Disability Management
- *Vocational Rehabilitation

Disability Studies

- *New Psychologies of Disability
- *Disability and the Law
- *International Disability Research
- *Community Development

Individual Rehabilitation

- *Career Development & Disability
- *Supporting Special Needs Children & their Families
- *Disability & the Aging Process
- *Professional Practice Ethics
- *Advanced Clinical Practice
- *Assessment, Intervention, Planning

Health

- *Developmental Disabling Conditions
- *Adult Onset Disabling Conditions
- *Disabilities Associated with Aging
- *Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- *Autism Spectrum Disorders

Management

- *Rehabilitation Management
- *Development of Services & Programs
- *Supervision in Community Practice
- *Small Business Development

There is a 4-yr. interdisciplinary program offered on-campus only.

There is also a 2-year program after a related college diploma or 2 years university with prerequisites.

Application deadlines
 April 1st (for September admission and on-campus 2 and 4 yr. program entry);
 September 1st (for January admission distance students only)

For complete program information see the full explicit curriculum online www.crds.org/explicit_curr.pdf

Ask about our regional campus programs now available in Edmonton and Vancouver!

All application details, forms, prerequisites, and deadlines are on our website:

www.crds.org or www.ucalgary.ca/crds

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Introduction

Welcome to the University of Calgary - [Community Rehabilitation & Disability Studies](#) (CRDS) and the Douglas College - [Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies](#) (CFCS), [Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation](#) (BCR) Vancouver Regional Campus Program. This program is a unique collaboration between two respected Canadian public post secondary institutions. It began in 1999 and continues to grow and develop innovative programming and partnership opportunities for the institutions, students and the communities they serve.

The BCR is an interdisciplinary degree. Students take a variety of courses from a variety of areas, such as community rehabilitation, disability studies, health, management and social sciences. There is a great deal of flexibility in this degree. For example, students may take the program full time or part time and choose their individual course schedule. This flexibility and self-directed learning can sometimes be overwhelming for beginning students. Never-the-less, with time, students realize that the flexibility works in their favour because of the increased choice and customization. Students can be creative with the courses they take and can specialize in an area of particular interest. However, they must also be proactive, flexible and individually accountable regarding program requirements and education planning. In other words, this degree is not for students who want someone to lay out the exact course schedule for them before they begin and then a guaranteed lock-step progression through their courses until graduation.

Vancouver Regional Campus students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and enter the BCR program at year three, after completing an approved two year diploma. An innovative addition to the relationship between UCalgary and Douglas College is their collaborative *Autism Concentration which adds courses from the Disability and Applied Behaviour Analysis (DABA) Advanced Citation to the degree*. Please see the Douglas College [calendar](#) for more important information regarding this unique specialty. Additional information can also be found on the [DABA](#) and [CRDS](#) websites.

Information Sessions

Douglas College offers monthly Information sessions for the Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation Degree as well as the Disability and Applied Behaviour Analysis Advanced Citation (part of the BCR Autism Concentration). Please see the Douglas College [Information Session](#) schedule for details.

Pre-requisites (in addition or as part of an approved diploma)

Some approved diplomas already contain all courses required for formal admission, other approved diploma graduates require one or more pre-requisites. [Approved diploma programs](#) are listed on the crds.org website. Please see the [Block Transfer](#) link for details. For example, some of the most common pre-requisites are:

- Capilano University RTA graduates require an academic writing course, e.g. *English 1130* or UCalgary's *ACWR 303: Academic Writing*, must be completed within a year of registration. Some students choose to take this before they start the program to improve their marks (See <http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/requirement> for details). Actually a second English course is strongly recommended, so many people use English 1130 (or BCCAT equivalent) for entrance and the ACWR 303 as a senior community rehabilitation option course.
- Douglas College CCS, ECE, CSSW and CYC graduates require a first or second year junior human science prerequisite course, (e.g. *BIO 1103, 1105, 1110* or *ANTR 1111*) It can be done after you are accepted into the program.
- Other approved diplomas require a junior psychology course, e.g. PSYC 1100 or CFCS 1130, which can also be done after formal acceptance in the BCR program.

Pre-requisites (for applicants who do not have an approved diploma)

Applicants who have previous university transfer credits and want to enter the BCR at year three must either transfer into an approved diploma program or take a series of CRDS specific pre-requisites at the Calgary campus. Some prospective students who have at least thirteen university transfer courses and who complete a number CDRS specific courses, i.e. disability history and systems, communication skills, approaches to community rehabilitation, and a 230 hr practicum are also eligible for individual block transfer.

Admission Process

The admission process is somewhat complex, since there are at least two institutions involved and three applications. Applicants first complete a general UCalgary admission form *and* then a specific BCR admission form. Please see the UCalgary website for the official admission requirements. The BCR specific forms are on the CRDS website and are numbered BCR form 1 (which all applicants must do) and BCR form 2 (graduates of approved diploma programs do NOT have to complete this form 2, only those who have previous UT credits need to complete this form). Apply at www.crds.org by April 1st for September admission and by September 1st for January admission. There is a \$115 non-refundable application fee for the U of C application.

In addition, once accepted by UCalgary, BCR-Vancouver Regional Campus students who want Douglas College courses or services must also apply as a Douglas College *University of Calgary BCR* student (costs approximately \$30.00). Make sure to alert the Registrar Office Admissions Officer that you are a UCalgary-BCR student. If you have not previously attended Douglas College, the Registrar Office will contact UCalgary to confirm BCR program acceptance, this will substitute/meet the Douglas College English admission requirement of an official transcript.

This Douglas College version of the *UCalgary BCR* student number is required: 1) to register in a Douglas College-offered BCR-approved course and 2) it is used by BCR students who register into a Douglas College CE course shell in the semesters they are *not* taking an actual Douglas College course in order to access Douglas College services. This CE course shell registration is required in any semester that the BCR student wants to access Douglas library, printing, athletics and other student privileges when they are *only* taking UCalgary-offered courses at the Douglas College campus. Please note that students who do not register into a CE or credit course within two major semesters will have to “re-activate” their student number with the Douglas College Registrar Office before course registration. If students are registered into a Douglas College credit course, they do not need to register into this CE course shell to access services that semester.

Students from other areas of BC who plan to take UCalgary courses online in addition to pre-approved Option courses from their local post secondary institution (rather than Douglas College) need to apply to their local institution and receive prior approval from Beth Parrott.

Program requirements

Once admitted to the program, students complete another 60-credits (20 upper level bachelor courses) to graduate with a Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation. There are

eight required core courses and twelve option (elective) courses. *Note: Students must take at least 10 out of the 20 courses from UCalgary.*

The courses are offered in a combination of on-line and in-class delivery. The in-class courses are typically offered at Douglas College by either UCalgary or Douglas College (BCR students need to remember who is actually offering the in-person courses, as it dictates, registration, textbook purchase, tuition payment, etc). The on-line courses are typically offered through the University of Calgary.

It is also possible to take courses at other approved institutions. This flexibility makes the BCR degree accessible for BC students outside of the Lower Mainland. If a BCR student is interested in a 3rd or 4th year course at another public post secondary institution, including Douglas College, they must also request individual approval from Beth Parrott (UCalgary) using the Letter of Permission form found at [MyUofC](#) (a UCalgary webspace that holds all of the student's personal UC related information) and/ http://www.crdp.org/online_apps/planner.shtml BEFORE they register.

All course requirements and the breakdown of the type of required and option courses students take can be found at www.crdp.org in an important document called the *Student Planner*. The student planner is updated on a regular basis.

Employment Options for BCR Graduates

A Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation graduate has a wide variety of employment and education options open to them. Some go on to teacher training and/or graduate degree programs, others work as professionals/managers in the health and human service system. For example, British Columbian BCR graduates work as Managers or Infant Development/Supported Childcare Consultants in social service agencies, as well as Facilitators or Analysts for Community Living BC, and as Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellors for WorksafeBC, etc. It is incumbent on the student to investigate and confirm their plans with future post secondary institutions and employers, as there are more opportunities than can be listed here, as well, specific employment requirements can change overtime.

Figure 3: Occupational Fields in community Rehabilitation and Examples of Job Titles for CRDS Graduates



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Contact Beth regarding: UCalgary admission, UCalgary course planning questions, course equivalency approval and graduation requirements.

Douglas College:

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Contact Lori regarding questions specific to the Vancouver Regional Campus, Douglas College and its part of the collaborative degree, as well as educational questions related to Douglas College course planning questions.

Diana Parks, Interim CCSD Instructional Facilitator at parksd@douglas.bc.ca or 604-527-5612 while Susan Vincent vincents@douglas.bc.ca moves over to the CFCS PLAR Facilitator role. Contact Diana/Susan regarding logistical questions about Douglas College student status, course schedule, student services, etc.

Frequently Asked Questions:

I am a 3rd or 4th year student in another degree program, e.g. CYC, TR, etc. Can I take BCR courses as electives?

- 1) Yes, as long as there is space in the course, you can use on-line or in-person BCR courses as electives. However, non BCR students must first apply as an University of Calgary " Open Studies" student at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/prospectivestudents/openstudies/> Then they need to fax their UC student number, identifying info and a copy (not original) of their highschool **and** Douglas College transcripts to Beth Parrott at UCalgary 403-220-6494. Beth is the Undergraduate Advisor of the Bachelor of Community Rehab. She will give you permission to register into the course. Her email is parrott@ucalgary.ca To see what courses are offered, please check http://www.crd.org/courses/current_offerings/index.shtml

I want to become a BCR student. If I don't have an approved diploma, where can I get the pre-requisites courses?

You require at least thirteen university transfer courses plus seven BCR pre-requisite courses: CORE 205, 207, 209, 285, 287, APSY 419, BIOL 205 (which are only offered in Calgary). Or talk to a local college that offers an approved diploma, you may be able to transfer some of your credits into the diploma or challenge some courses via prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR).

If this is an Alberta degree, how will it apply to BC?

The Vancouver BCR program makes an effort to focus course content on the British Columbian context. In-person courses are typically taught by local instructors and option (elective) courses are developed applicable to BC health and human service system. The program has a local advisory committee made up of BC employers, professionals, academic partners, community members and program graduates. In other words, the Vancouver BCR program reflects the character and needs of the BC community

Am I a University of Calgary student or a Douglas College student?

Typically, both, but most importantly, you are a University of Calgary student. Even though this program is offered in collaboration between CRDS and Douglas College, you are a University of Calgary student and have full access to the UC library and student services. You will be awarded your degree from the UC. However, as mentioned above, you also need to be a Douglas College student if you want to register into courses offered by Douglas College and use Douglas College services when registered in a UC-offered in-person course.

What do I do once I'm accepted to the BCR program?

- 2) Ensure you have also applied and been accepted as a Douglas College UCalgary BCR student at Douglas College (or any other BC post secondary institution where you want to take courses).
- 3) Refer to the BCR Student Planner document at http://www.crdp.org/online_apps/planner.shtml,
 - a. Note that UCalgary and Douglas College use slightly different descriptors:
 - i. ½ course (UC) = 3-credit course (DC)
 - ii. Option course (UC) = elective course (DC)
- 4) Scheduled courses are listed on the CRDS website and the tentative schedule of VRC courses is available to students from a CCSD coordinator or instructional facilitator. It is important to remember that this is a tentative document. You will need to confirm what is offered each semester with the appropriate institution.
- 5) Review what in-person at Douglas, but offered by BCR, BCR online and summer institute courses are available from UCalgary at http://www.crdp.org/courses/current_offerings/index.shtml
- 6) Review what courses are available from Douglas College. Courses offered over the next several semesters can be found at <https://banserv2.douglas.bc.ca/prod/wvkschd.SelClass?termtype=CRE>
- 7) Make an individual education plan for the next two years (CORE courses cycle every two years). You need to keep your plan up-to-date and revise as necessary throughout your educational journey. For your convenience, a sample individual education plan document is included as Appendix B.

How do I “keep in the loop” with the Vancouver Regional Campus students and the Douglas College/BCR Liaison representative?

Make sure you are on Lori's email list. There is also a UCalgary Blackboard Course that is used as a communication vehicle, but at this time, people (including Lori) do not check it frequently.

When does the ACWR 303 (Effective Writing) requirement need completion (if I don't already have ENGLISH 1130)?

Within one year of being accepted. Please note, this on-line English course is only available through UofC. This course can also count as a senior rehabilitation option course if you already have an academic English course credit.

How do I know what courses to take and when?

In all, there are 8 required BCR courses and the remaining 12 courses are option (elective) courses from either CRDS or other institutions (including Douglas College).

Note: You must take at least 10 out of the 20 courses from UCalgary

There are usually 2-4 on-line or in-person BCR courses offered each semester, as well as multiple Interdisciplinary option courses from other institutions (including Douglas College).

This information is also on the Student Planner http://www.crdcs.org/online_apps/planner.shtml . Please refer to appendix A the BCR Vancouver Regional Campus Schedule. It is your responsibility to track courses taken and courses remaining. You might consider the CORE offered in-person at Douglas College a priority, since they are generally only scheduled every two years.

Online Courses

The UCalgary on-line courses are offered at least every year. Each on-line course has a different schedule, e.g. Disability Law is offered only on line in the Fall and the Rehab. Management course (415) is only offered in the Spring. Typically, the course are very flexible and do not involve daytime hours. Registered students will be contacted by someone from CRDS about a week before the course starts to make arrangements for the course.

UCalgary-offered In-person Courses*

Note: The UCalgary in-person courses are only offered at the Douglas College campus every two years so if students do not take them when they're offered, they will have to wait another two years for the course to cycle around again.

The UC in-class courses at Douglas College are usually (but not always) offered on four Friday nights and all day Saturdays sessions to accommodate students who are working or traveling outside of the Lower Mainland.

* If students require library, computer, parking or other Douglas College services, they must also register into the semester specific DC Continuing Education course shell called "CFCS 0100". The course shell registration fee is approximately \$30.00 and is not available for web registration. Students must register in person or by phone at (604) 527-5472.

Douglas College-offered in-person courses

Douglas College offers several applied degrees, i.e. Business, Child and Youth Care, Coaching, Psychology, Criminology, Therapeutic Recreation, Co-occurring Disorders, etc. There may be space in several 3rd or 4th year courses for interested students who receive prior approval from Beth Parrott. There are also a number of upper level university transfer (UT) courses which satisfy the health, management, social science and specialization options. Courses are typically less expensive than UCalgary courses and are offered in the evenings, although some may be scheduled for weekends or daytime.

How do I register for courses?

If the courses are taken through the UCalgary (CRDS), you register on-line at www.ucalgary.ca You have to pay a \$100 deposit before you can register for a course. This deposit is included in the course fee total. Registration time typically happens in June for Fall and Winter terms and March for spring and summer terms. Register as soon as registration opens, since courses fill quickly. In fact, you are strongly encouraged to register for your winter courses at the same time as you register for your fall courses. (*see note above re: CFCS 0100 course shell.)

If the course is offered by Douglas College, you will register online at www.douglascollege.ca during your assigned registration period. Make sure to pay your tuition before the fee payment deadline. If you haven't taken a Douglas course within 3 major semesters, you may have to first "reactivate" your Douglas College BCR student number with the Registrar Office. Course registration typically happens in late July/early August for fall courses, late November/early December for winter courses and in late March/early April for summer courses. Register as soon as registration opens, since courses fill quickly.

What if I want to take a course outside of the UCalgary, including a Douglas College course?

You can take a course outside of the University of Calgary/CRDS, but the Senior Social Science options must be the equivalent of a 3rd or 4th year university level course. Request a Letter of Permission by going on the U of C Portal – Student Center before you take the course to make sure the course is approved. This includes all Douglas College and any non-UCalgary listed on the online BCR. This is an area where the flexibility of the program works in your favour. If there is a course that interests you outside of CRDS, once approved by Beth, you can take it.

What options (electives) can I take and how do I go about choosing my option course?

There are two classes of interdisciplinary options, CRDS and other public post secondary institutions (which includes Douglas College). CRDS options that are part of the ongoing offerings are listed in the UCalgary calendar and online. Occasional offerings are announced on line on the CRDS website. These occasional courses are created at the request of students or the field to meet a specific need.

Suggestions and Approved interdisciplinary options within the U of C, Athabasca University, Douglas College and Mount Royal College are listed online in *The Student Planner*. These options fall into the following categories: Senior Community Rehabilitation Options (2 half courses), Health, Physiology and Disability (4 half courses), Senior Social Sciences (4 half courses) and Management (2 half courses).

Some people aim for a specialty, such as the Autism Concentration, others work towards the “teachable subjects” required for PDP teacher training, (i.e., 1 Canadian history, 1 Canadian geography, Math 1191, etc) and some choose a general mix of courses with their option courses.

How do I access the UofC library?

There are distant services for students off campus – can be contacted via www.ucalgary.ca. The service is called ‘libcon’.

What if I want to use the Douglas College student services like the library?

Each semester, if you are not registered into a Douglas College credit course, there will be a CFCS 0100 ‘shell’ course set up through the Douglas College Continuing Education. The CCSD Coordinator or Instructional Facilitator will email out the information to all students for them to follow. There will be a small cost to this service, but it does give students the access they need. The Douglas College library can be accessed in person or online. Other Douglas College student services include: computer and internet access on campus, reduced parking charges, financial aid information, athletic facilities, counseling, etc.

How do I purchase books?

If the course is offered by the University of Calgary, books can be purchased through the University of Calgary bookstore. Look up your course on-line at www.calgarybookstore.ca and it will tell you if you need to purchase a book. The bookstore is linked off of the UofC website.

If the course is offered by Douglas College, you can purchase the books through the Douglas College bookstore.

Do I have to apply to graduate or is it “automatic” once I complete all courses and where do I attend the graduation ceremonies?

You need to fill out the UCalgary Application for Degree on the Student Center by February 1st to graduate in June or August 1st to graduate in November.

Can I apply to a graduate program with this bachelor degree?

This degree is a full degree and can be used to apply to graduate programs. However, as stated previously, students are encouraged to do their own research regarding the graduate program’s admission requirements.

Can I get a student loan with this program?

Students must contact their *local* financial aid office. This process can be challenging for BCR-Vancouver Regional Campus students because you are a UC student, but living in BC. Also, for some student loans, students must be enrolled the equivalent of full-time studies (9-credits). Again, this can present some challenges for financial assistance because your courses can be taken through a numerous schools. You're encouraged to seek financial advice from Financial Aid at Douglas College before applying.

Appendix A:

DRAFT BCR Schedule 2008-2010 DRAFT
 2010 – 2011 schedule to be posted soon

Fall	Winter	Spring/Summer
<p>UCalgary on-line courses: Look for “offered via Blackboard or Yahoo Groups”</p>	<p>UCalgary on-line courses: Look for “offered via Blackboard or Yahoo Groups”</p>	<p>UCalgary on-line courses: Look for “offered via Blackboard or Yahoo Groups”</p>
<p>UCalgary in-person courses: Look for “offered via Vancouver, BC” <u>2008</u> - CORE 589.02 <u>2009</u> – CORE 425 and CORE 583 <u>2010</u> – CORE 589.02 and CORE 581</p>	<p>UCalgary in-person courses: Look for “offered via Vancouver, BC” <u>2009</u> – n/a <u>2010</u> – CORE 569</p>	<p>UCalgary in-person courses – not available*: * Please note: every year UC offers intensive summer institutes at their Calgary campus</p>
<p>Douglas College in-person courses: Look for “DACs: Disability & ABA &/or other 3rd or 4th level courses” e.g. DACS 5121: ABA: Introduction</p>	<p>Douglas College in-person courses: Look for “DACs: Disability & ABA &/or other 3rd or 4th level courses” e.g. DACS: 5122: ABA: Techniques and DACS 5112: VCoP I</p>	<p>Douglas College in-person courses: Look for “DACs: Disability & ABA &/or other 3rd or 4th level courses” e.g. DACS 5123: ABA: Research and DACS 5113: VCoP II</p>

Appendix B: Individual Course Planner

BCR – Vancouver Regional Campus Student

(20 half courses required for graduation) Remember it is your responsibility to confirm your individual education plan each year. Institutions can change course offerings and course schedules without notice. Autism specialty courses are listed in italics for your consideration, but are not required.

Name: _____ Date: _____

UCalgary student #: _____ Other student #s: _____

Required Courses <i>(8 half courses)</i>	Plan <small>When/where</small>	Done
CORE 415: Rehabilitation Management		
CORE 425: New Psychologies of Disability		
CORE 569: Emotional Disturbance Related to Disability		
CORE 573: Disability and the Law		
CORE 581: Professional Ethics in Community Rehabilitation		
CORE 583: Community Development in Community Rehab.		
(2 of the following courses)		
CORE 589.01: Development of Services & Programs		
<i>CORE 589.02 Supervision in Community Practice</i>		
CORE 589.03 Reflective Practice in Community Rehab.		
Interdisciplinary Option Courses <i>(12 half courses)</i>	Plan <small>When/where</small>	Done
Senior Community Rehabilitation Option Courses <i>(2 half courses)</i>		
1. _____		
2. <i>ACWR 303: Academic Writing</i> _____		

<p>Health, Human Physiology and Disability Option Courses <i>(4 half courses)</i></p> <p><i>* A & P must be covered in either 1 or 2 courses</i></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p><u>4. CORE 591.30: Understanding Children with Autism</u></p>		
<p>Senior Social Sciences Option Courses <i>(4 half courses)</i></p> <p><i>* any CORE course, not used as par of the 8 required, can be used as a senior social science option</i></p> <p><i>* consider research/statistics if planning grad school</i></p> <p>1. <u>DACS 5112 & 5113: ASD Community of Practice</u></p> <p>2. <u>DACS 5121: ABA Basic Principles</u></p> <p>3. <u>DACS 5122: ABA Behavioural Techniques</u></p> <p>4. <u>DACS 5123: ABA: Research and Applications</u></p>		
<p>Management <i>(2 half courses)</i></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p>		