

Studying Disability Services is definitely a great thing to do. If you're interested in helping people and having a job that doesn't really feel like a job because you're constantly empowering others. My class in my course was very diverse. We had a huge range of people. We had people that were 18 years of age that have just come out of high school, through to people that were in their sixties. We had some people that had personal experiences in the field and then some people that just genuinely had a passion for helping other people. I really enjoyed being taught by teachers that were actually in the field and had a lot of hands-on experience in Disability. And I loved how, through our course, we had a 150 hours of work placement that really taught us how to apply our theory and our knowledge into a workplace environment. I actually got a job in the field before I finished the course which was really exciting. I was actually recommended through my placements and got a call randomly one day. I think that people have a misconception that Disability Services is just about the day-to-day personal support of a client, but really it just goes so much deeper than that. There are so many different specialists and different fields you can go down, such as speech pathology, occupational therapy, and you could be involved in respite work. You could work in a school, a special development school, a mainstream school as an aide. You can do so many different things in this field. The possibilities are endless. I can't believe that I get paid - and get paid really well – to work , it's not even work. It's amazing. It's me forming relationships and empowering people and being friends with people, and having fun with people, and experiencing great things. Becoming a better person as well; learning so much about myself. Every day you feel like you've accomplished something and you go home knowing that you've helped change someone's life, and I mean why wouldn't you want to feel like that if you could.

残疾服务课程绝对值得去学。如果你有兴趣帮助别人，这份工作不仅仅是一份工作，而是你在不断地帮别人提高自己的能力。和我学同样课程的人来自不同背景。我们班上有各种各样的人，有的刚刚高中毕业，才 18 岁，有的已经 60 多岁；有的同学在这个领域有亲身经历，有的同学就是真心想帮助别人。我很喜欢听有经验的老师讲课，他们以前就在残疾服务这个领域工作过，有丰富的实际经验。这门课还给我们安排 150 小时的工作实习，让我们在实际工作环境中应用我们的理论知识，这也是我喜欢这门课的原因。实际上在我完成这门课之前我就从实习单位得到了一份工作，实在太让我兴奋了。实习单位推荐了我，然后某一天我突然接到了电话。我认为人们对残疾服务有一个错误的观念，以为残疾服务只是为一名顾客提供日常个人照顾，但实际上远远不止这些。你接下去还可以在 many 专业领域谋求发展，比如言语矫正、功能治疗，你还可以涉足暂休工作。你可以作为一名助教在学校工作，在专门学校或普通学校工作。在这个领域你可以做很多不同的工作，有各种各样的可能。我简直不相信我还能得到报酬 – 而且是不错的报酬 – 去做在我看来并不算工作的事情。太奇妙了，是我在收获友谊 – 通过帮别人提高能力、和他们交朋友、和他们一起享受乐趣和良好经历；是我获得了不断提高自己的机会，对自己有了一个更深刻的认识。每天回到家里你都有成就感，知道你帮别人改变了他们的生活。我说有这种感觉不是很棒吗？