PCSS Post Secondary Spotlight

Justice Studies Diploma

2 years/full time/on campus

In this program, you will learn about the elements of the justice system in Canada, how those elements relate to each other, and how the system works at the local, provincial/territorial and federal levels.

You will learn about the complex origins of crime and criminal behaviour, how to work with other professionals to create a more equitable, safe, and just community, and how to apply skills in mediation and conflict resolution to communicate effectively in stressful situations. You will also learn about the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the connected contemporary issues within the justice system. Throughout the program you will liaise with working professionals in the justice system and experience what it means to work in the field through a practicum placement. Understanding the roles and requirements for justice-related professions will prepare you for entry-level positions in the justice field or degree completion in a Justice Studies or related undergraduate program.

After completing the Justice Studies Diploma, you can continue your education to earn a bachelor's degree. The Justice Studies Diploma transfers directly into the third year of Red Deer Polytechnic's Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies. Interested students can complete a Bachelor of Arts with two additional years of study by staying at Red Deer Polytechnic.

Academic Requirements
Students applying to Justice Studies must have a minimum grade of 60% in the following courses or their equivalents:
- ELA 30-1
- 1 additional course from Group A or equivalent
  - Group A • Aboriginal Studies 30 • English Language Arts (ELA) 30-1 • Social Studies 30-1 • Language 30 or 35 (other than English)

Program Cost
Domestic Students
Year 1
$5,395.00
Year 2
$5,832.00
These costs are an estimate of tuition based on the recommended course load per year, additional fees apply.