

CSU - the making of me!

Students from Canada share their experience of studying by distance education

"As a mother of four boys and working full-time in a management position, I decided to apply to CSU because it offered the most flexibility while at the same time offering a high standard of education. One sunny Sunday afternoon, I struggled between deciding to work on an assignment at my workplace or at home. My boys convinced me to stay at home because they wanted to swim in the pool with their friends. I decided to bring my laptop outside and work on the assignment. It was the best of both worlds as I was able to (1) make progress on my assignment, (2) spend time with the boys, and (3) enjoy the beautiful weather. I've had nothing but positive experiences since I began studying with CSU."

Antonietta Rosati, Graduate Certificate in Commerce



CSU provides a supportive learning environment

"I enjoy the online forums and find the lecturers very knowledgeable. I enjoy working at my own pace and find CSU meets my needs of being able to continue to work, take care of my family, and complete my education. There have been times when human interaction has been important in my study and each one of my teachers has made themselves available when required. Their goal has been to help the students towards success. If I was planning to continue on and study for my doctorate, I would do it with CSU!"

Joanne Cabrera, Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing) and Master of Health Science (Nursing)



Joanne Cabrera at work

"I first heard of CSU when studying radiography in college. The majority of my college instructors achieved their degree in medical imaging at CSU and I received good feedback from graduates of the program. What helped make my decision was the idea that I could possibly work or continue studies in Australia - a good way to beat the Canadian winters."

"What I really enjoy about CSU, as an offshore student, is the organisation. The courses are prepared and organised very well. Timelines, contacts, resources and references are all there ready to be used. Distance education courses can seem overwhelming and difficult because the direct resources to instructors and instructor aides aren't there; however, CSU's offshore courses are constructed to meet the needs of the offshore student. Students who choose CSU are making the right decision and will not be disappointed."

Emiliano Bonaventura, Bachelor of Science (Medical Imaging)



Distance Education allows you to study wherever, whenever

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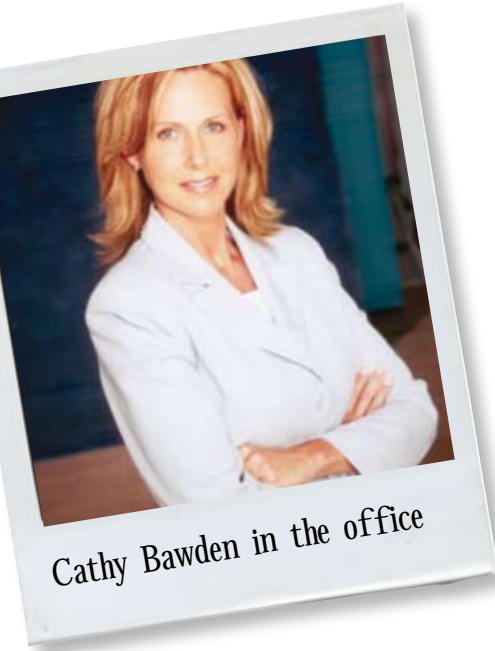
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Cathy Bawden in the office

"I have been a police officer for 18 years. My police service heard about CSU's policing program and decided to invest in the course for five officers. I was one of the lucky ones. I have enjoyed learning in my own home, especially the convenience of organising my own timetable and being able to have flexibility when I study. My studies have made me a better police officer. I take pride in the work I do and really want to do well. The time goes by so quickly and before you know it, you are graduating. The world is so competitive right now and CSU keeps you on top of all the latest research."

Cathy Bawden, Bachelor of Policing

"I first heard about CSU from a couple of friends who completed their Master degree through CSU. They were most impressed with the quality of courses and lecturers as well as the manner with which inquiries were dealt. I decided to study at CSU as both my wife and I hold leadership positions in education and, with two children and the demands of work, I needed the ability to work from home at a pace that would enhance my professional learning. I have enjoyed the usefulness of the courses I studied. I feel that completing my Master degree through CSU has enhanced my knowledge in a number of areas such as leadership styles and the ability to apply different initiatives. I would highly recommend that students take a serious look at CSU when considering their Master of Education. The quality of courses, professor feedback, online learning, and respect for individual needs make this program unique."

Joe Bitonti, Master of Education

"The learning that I am doing for my PhD directly affects what I do on a daily basis as I am still working full-time as a teacher and administrator in an elementary school. The program is rigorous for sure, but the support of the CSU lecturers is incredible. They are aware of and sensitive to their students' situations. CSU does a great job at providing a stimulating learning community. If you want to study education, I would say CSU is one of the best options. Its approach to education is refreshing and really what we need in Canada. CSU is good at distance education and I know that not all universities are specialists in this area of study delivery."

Cynthia Boyd, PhD in Education

"I had been employed as a social worker for 17 years and didn't want to leave my career to pursue my Master degree. I looked into a few distance education programs and found CSU best suited my goal of completing my Master of Social Work while working. I also received positive feedback from CSU graduates. I am taking my degree over four years to maintain balance between work, studies and my personal life. This course enables me to stay in a position I love as the position I'm in requires a Master of Social Work. I enjoy the online forum discussions and meeting people throughout Canada and Australia."

Dorothy Adams, Master of Social Work

"I chose CSU because I could complete the whole program through online studies. When I commenced, my husband and I were going to start a family and I wanted to stay home with my children as well as be able to further my education. We are now expecting our third child! I really appreciate the practical knowledge that I am receiving and the interactive forums that allow for discussion among students and professors. I have been able to make contacts that will open up job offers when I choose to take advantage of them. The courses are relevant to library and information work today and the assignments are very practical and allow you to apply your knowledge as if you were employed as a librarian. I have appreciated the flexibility of CSU with my personal life. I have had to take a few leaves of absence due to financial and family reasons and the University has been very understanding."

Amelia Friesen, Master of Applied Science (Library and Information Management)



Cathy Bawden on duty.