The Master of Science in Capacity Development and Extension is a unique program in Canada that develops the core competencies of students for facilitating social and environmental change. Our program focuses on processes of learning, advocacy, leadership, communication and capacity development for rural/remote and small communities in Canada and around the world. Our “students without borders” engage with society through service learning projects during their course work, and through applied research and a range of professional development activities.

Our graduates are innovators in the public and not-for-profit sectors. Many pursue doctoral studies and achieve important careers in community development, policymaking and academia.

Principles of Our Teaching and Learning

CDE is a learner-centered community which is grounded in practice-based theories. We value social justice through shared-decision making, open communication, respect for difference, and commitment to conflict management. We pursue creative and independent thought in our intellectual pursuits.

Examples of CDE Research

- Living at the Intersection: Exploring the Relationship between Youth Health and Wellbeing, Place, and After-School Programs in Small Urban Towns
- Stitching towards Empowerment: Exploring Empowerment of Women in an Embroidery Co-operative in Uganda. A Case Study of Tabiro Ladies’ Club
- Kahawa Yetu – Our Coffee: A need for better organizational capacity in Kenya’s coffee cooperatives. A case study of New Gatanga Coffee Cooperative
- Ethno-cultural vegetable retail analysis: Pricing structure and market information
- Impact of After-School Programs on Rural Youth: A Case Study of Fusion Youth Centre
- Micro-livestock for livelihoods: Meeting practical and strategic needs of women in Sunyani District, Ghana
- The use of stigma as a marker of otherness by RTLM in the Rwandan Genocide
- Campus/community radio in Canada: Linking listeners to broadcasters with Web 2.0 Technologies
- The potential of Agroforestry for Peace Building: The Case of Jonglei – South Sudan
- After the Tornado: An Exploration of Capacity and Vulnerability on Community Engagement in Goderich

Admission/Application

The minimum requirement for admission is a four year honours degree or equivalent, with an average standing of at least second class honours (B-) in the last four semesters or two years of study.

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