# **Learning about The United Church of Canada Theological Schools**

## Centre for Christian Studies

### Recruiter or Admission contact person

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### Open houses or events people can attend in the coming year (virtually or in person)

CCS Fridays: a series of monthly online workshops on a variety of topics

Online Open House: date to be announced

### How does the coming school year look different from usual?

In 2022–2023 we return to in-person learning circles! Fall and spring circles will be held in Winnipeg. Online learning circles are held in January/February and May/June.

### What programs do you offer?

1. Diploma in Diaconal Ministries
2. Certificates (Spiritual Care, Social Justice, Christian Education & Worship)
3. Joint degrees (BA and Masters) are offered with St. Andrew’s and St. Stephen’s colleges

### Can people study by distance?

Yes! We have a national student body, living and studying in their home communities. Students engage in learning-in-community through field placements, mentoring, and engagement with student peers.

### What financial support does your school offer students?

Bursaries are available, with applications in spring and fall.

### Can people take Designated Lay Ministry externals with you?

Participation in our Learning on Purpose circle can be used for a prerequisite for admission to the Designated Lay Ministry program.

### What is your approach to equipping people preparing for ministry leadership?

We focus on practical theology. Learning circles and personal reflection help students connect ministry theory and theology with experience and practice. Students learn in community (and about community), developing skills in teamwork, conflict resolution, empowerment, and mutual support. A holistic approach to learning helps students make connections between pastoral care, social justice, and education and worship; mentor relationships help students develop their diaconal identity and connection to the diaconal community. Students set learning goals based on their individual needs and established competencies for ministry.

### Do you have an affiliation with an undergraduate school?

We have joint degree agreements with St. Andrew’s and St. Stephen’s colleges, both of which have a bachelor’s degree option.

### What makes your school unique?

We are one of the few theology schools in the world that focuses on [diaconal ministry](https://www.ducc.ca/). Our action/reflection praxis model of education holds space for transformative learning within a community of enthusiastic co-learners. We teach from a theologically progressive, intersectional and liberative stance. We are an Affirming Ministry.

### Anything else people should know?

Curious about our program or diaconal ministry? Wanting to deepen your leadership and practical ministry skills? Check our upcoming learning circles and workshops, and contact us for more information:<http://ccsonline.ca/>
[www.instagram.com/ccs\_canada/](https://www.instagram.com/ccs_canada/)