



Master of Social Work (Qualifying)



CRICOS: 114804E

Intakes: September (2024),
February, May, September (2025)

Campus: Melbourne, Sydney, Perth

Course length: 2 years

Delivery mode: On-campus and online, Full-time

Human Rights

Social Justice

Social Changes

Study Options for Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

1 Direct Entry



2 Graduate Certificate Pathway



3 Pre-requisite Unit Set Pathway



Course overview

Social work is an academic, practice-based profession that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people (AASW Practice Standards 2013). Consistent with this statement, upon completing the course, you will be equipped with a sound knowledge of the underlying principles, concepts, and critical skills in social work as well as demonstrated capabilities in critical thinking, ethical and reflective practice, and continuous professional development. The Master of Social Work (Qualifying) will incorporate theoretical content that builds on knowledge acquired by students in previous higher education.

In line with the accreditation standards set out by the AASW (ASWEAS 2021), the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) course will prepare students with the requisite theoretical knowledge, skills, and ethical framework for social work practice within diverse client systems across various practice contexts.

Professional Recognition

Students who have undertaken the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) can seek the Australian Association of Social Work full membership.

For more information, please visit the AASW website.



Course structure

Qualifications for this award will require successful completion of 96 credit points for the Capstone Pathway including 14 core units as listed below; and 108 credit points with 16 core units for the Dissertation Pathway.

Capstone Pathway					
Year 1			Year 2		
Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
3 units	3 units	Field Education	3 units	3 units	Field Education

Field Education

Students will be required to complete two separate field education placements at an approved field education agency for a total of 1,000 hours combined.

Academic requirements

Students admitted to the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) are required to have completed a relevant three-year AQF Level 7 degree course that contains at least one year (or equivalent to generally 8 units), or the equivalent, of full-time studies in the social and behavioural sciences.

Students who have successfully completed, Bachelor degree with four relevant units of study (typically two units in the study of behavioural sciences and two units in the study of social sciences and equal to 0.5 EFTSL) AND who have successfully completed the Acknowledge Education's Graduate Certificate in Health and Community are eligible for direct entry to the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) at Acknowledge Education.

English requirements

To be accepted into the course, students must obtain academic IELTS minimum overall band of 7.0, (with no band below 7.0), or equivalent.

Units

Core units of study: All students

- MSWFE401 Field Education Preparation 1#
- MSWSW401 Becoming a Social Worker
- MSWTP401 Social Work Theory & Practice 1
- MSWCU401 Working with First Nations People (Online)*
- MSWSTP402 Social Work Theory & Practice 2
- MSWSTP403 Social Work Theory & Practice 3*
- MSWRE402 Social Work Research (Online)*
- MSWFE402 Field Education 1
- MSWFE501 Field Education Preparation 2^
- MSWCU502 Culture Identity and Discrimination (Online)*
- MSWCU503 Challenging Systems & Cultures of Oppression, Violence & Abuse
- MSWSW501 Human Rights, Ethics, Law (Online)
- MSWTP504 Social Work Theory & Practice 4
- MSWSW503 Leading Sustainable Community Change
- MSWFE502A/B Field Education 2

Capstone students only

- MSWRE501A Capstone Seminar

Dissertation students only

- MSWRE501B Research Dissertation Seminar
- MSWRE502 Research Dissertation

This is a hurdle requirement that must be completed to proceed to MSWFE402, MSWFE501
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* Units eligible for credit transfer from Bachelor of Community Services

“Social Work is a wonderful profession focused on bringing about real change in the lives of the people and communities with which we work. Social Work is a career that has a real impact on the world. Come and join us at Acknowledge Education and begin your journey towards a career full of meaning and purpose. “

*– Associate Professor Grace Brown,
Head of the Department of Social Work*

