



# Bachelor of Community Services

<u>CRICOS</u>	096281C
<u>Intakes</u>	February/May/September
<u>Course length</u>	3 years
<u>Campuses</u>	Melbourne/Sydney/ Perth/Brisbane/Adelaide
<u>Study mode</u>	Full-time

## Course overview

The Bachelor of Community Services is a fully accredited Higher Education degree. The course is designed to prepare you for ethical, competent, and culturally relevant community service practice and to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need for life-long learning and professional development. Upon completion, you will work at the interface between people and their environments, focusing on the experiences of individuals, families, groups, and communities. Some areas of service provision may include child and family services, juvenile justice, migrant services, and community development.

## Course structure

To be eligible for the Bachelor of Community Services, you are required to acquire 24 units (360 credit points) as prescribed in Units on page 2.



## Professional Registration and Accreditation

The Bachelor of Community Services is accredited by Community Work Australia, formerly ACWA, which demonstrates that it meets the educational and practice standards set out for community workers in Australia.

*This course is accredited by Community Work Australia, formerly the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA), in Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, and Brisbane. Community Work Australia accreditation for our Adelaide campus is currently pending.*

## Requirements

### **International students**

Completed Year 12 or equivalent. The minimum age is 18 years old. International students must also demonstrate that they have English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.0 (Academic). For further information, please refer to our International Student Admission Policy on our website.

### **Local students**

You must have ONE of the following:

1. Completed Year 12 (within the last 3 years)
2. Vocational Education and Training (VET/TAFE) Study
3. Higher Education Study
4. Work & Life Experience

For further information of requirements for local students, please refer to our website

### **Additional requirements**

Please refer to our website for details of additional requirements such as immunisation status.

### **Applying for Credit Transfer**

If you have completed prior tertiary studies, you may be eligible for some credit exemptions. For further information, please refer to our Award of Credit Policy on our website.

## Fieldwork Placement

Fieldwork Placements are a requirement of the course and an integral part of Acknowledge Education Health and Community Services courses. The Bachelor of Community Services requires 400 hours of supervised Fieldwork Placement.

## Units

### Core

#### Introductory Community Services (INT)

INT101	Introduction to Community Services
INT102	Interpersonal Communication Skills
INT103	Human Development Across the Lifespan
INT204	Introduction to Management in Community Services

#### Counselling (COU)

COU101	Counselling Theory and Practice (1)
COU202	Counselling Theory and Practice (2)
COU303	Supervision and Debriefing

#### Systems and Policy (SAP)

SAP101	Foundations of Sociology and Politics for Community Service Workers
SAP102	Welfare Systems and Services in Australia
SAP103	Introduction to Welfare Law
SAP203	Developing Social Policy
SAP304	Social Research Methods

#### Coordination and Support (CAS)

CAS101	Community Development
CAS102	Group Work
CAS203	Principles of Case Management
CAS204	Managing Multiculturalism and Diversity

#### Specialist Skills (SPS)

SPS201	Alcohol and Other Drugs
SPS202	Working with Young People and their Families
SPS303	Family and Domestic Violence
SPS304	Mental Health and the Community

#### Fieldwork (FLD)

FLD201	Ethics and Professional Practice
FLD202	Fieldwork 1
FLD303	Transition to Professional Practice
FLD304	Fieldwork 2

## Course outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, you are eligible for the Community Work Australia (CWA) membership. For further information, please visit the CWA website.

### Occupational titles for graduates with this qualification may include:

- Welfare Centre Manager
- Program Coordinator
- Community Worker
- Counsellor
- Case Manager
- Youth Worker
- Juvenile Justice Officer
- Child and Family Practitioner
- Community Development Worker
- Community Health Worker

*Studying the Bachelor of Community Services - seeing first-hand experiences in Australia such as the respect for clients' autonomy and best interests- has broadened my knowledge of Human Rights; hence increased my motivation to further my course to a Doctorate degree level.*



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