



ACKNOWLEDGE
EDUCATION

Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

Empower Change, Transform Lives — Take your next step today!

Social work is a practice-based profession focused on social change, development, cohesion, and empowerment (AASW Practice Standards 2013). This course equips graduates with foundational principles, critical skills, and demonstrated capabilities in ethical, reflective practice and ongoing professional development.

Aligned with AASW accreditation standards (ASWEAS 2021), the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) provides the theoretical knowledge, skills, and ethical framework necessary for effective practice across diverse client systems and contexts.

CRICOS	116234G (Coursework)
Intakes	February, May, September
Course length	2 years
Campuses	Melbourne, Sydney, Perth
Study mode	On-campus and Online



Professional Recognition

Upon completing the course, you are eligible to seek full membership with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). For more information, please visit their website.



Course Structure

The qualifications for this award will require successful completion of 96 credit points including the units listed in recommended sequence below comprising 14 core units.

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

Units	
MSWFE401	Field Education Preparation 1 [#]
MSWSW401	Becoming a Social Worker
MSWTP401	Social Work Theory & Practice 1
MSWCU401	Working with First Nations People*
MSWSTP402	Social Work Theory & Practice 2
MSWSTP403	Social Work Theory & Practice 3*
MSWRE402	Social Work Research*
MSWFE402	Field Education 1
MSWFE501	Field Education Preparation 2 [^]
MSWCU502	Culture Identity and Discrimination*
MSWCU503	Challenging Systems & Cultures of Oppression, Violence & Abuse
MSWSW501	Human Rights, Ethics, Law
MSWTP504	Social Work Theory & Practice 4
MSWSW503	Leading Sustainable Community Change
MSWFE502A/B	Field Education 2
MSWRE501A	Capstone Seminar

This is a hurdle requirement that must be completed to proceed to MSWFE402, MSWFE501
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 * Students will receive exemptions for these units upon completing the Bachelor of Community Services at Acknowledge Education.

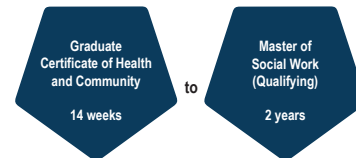
Online class

Study Options

1 Direct Entry



2 Graduate Certificate Pathway



3 Pre-requisite Unit Set Pathway



Academic requirements (International Students)

Direct Entry

Applicants must have completed a relevant three-year AQF Level 7 degree, including at least one year (8 units) of full-time study in social and behavioural sciences.

Graduate Certificate Pathway

Applicants with an AQF Level 7 Bachelor's degree, including four relevant units in social and behavioural sciences, and completion of Acknowledge Education's Graduate Certificate in Health and Community, are eligible for entry.

Pre-requisite Unit Set Pathway

Applicants with an AQF Level 7 Bachelor's degree but no relevant study in social and behavioural sciences may complete 4 units from the Bachelor of Community Services course. Upon completing Acknowledge Education's Graduate Certificate in Health and Community, they will qualify for entry.

English requirements (International Students)

Direct Entry

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Completion of Year 12 or equivalent in English.
- Completion of a higher qualification in English as the medium of instruction (Level 9 standard in Australia).
- Minimum IELTS score of 7.0 in all components or equivalent at course commencement.

Pathway Entry

Applicants must achieve an IELTS score of 6.5 (no band below 6.0) or equivalent at the start of the pathway course.

Course Outcomes

The Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) for the Master of Social Work are designed to align with the AASW Attributes of Australian Social Work Graduates and the Australian Quality Framework specifications for Master's Degrees (AQF Level 9).

Occupational titles for graduates with this qualification may include:

- Social Worker
- Program Coordinator
- Child Protection Officer
- Mental Health Practitioner
- Family Counsellor
- School Counsellor
- Case Manager
- Youth Worker
- Juvenile Justice Officer
- Child and Family Practitioner
- Community Development Worker

