



Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

CRICOS: 116234G (Coursework)
Intakes: September (2024),
February, May, September (2025)
Campus: Melbourne, Sydney, Perth
Course length: 2 years
Delivery mode: On-campus and online, Full-time



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 you with the requisite theoretical knowledge, skills, and ethical framework for social work practice within diverse client systems across various practice contexts.

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.



Field education

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

Course structure

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 |

English requirements

Direct Entry

If you are seeking direct entry into the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) course, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Completed a Year 12 or equivalent secondary school qualification in English or
- Completed a higher qualification in English as the medium of instruction, consistent with the requirements for admission to a Level 9 degree course in Australia. or
- Achieved a minimum score of 7.0 or higher in each component (listening, reading, writing, and speaking) of the Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test, or equivalent, upon course commencement.

Pathway Entry

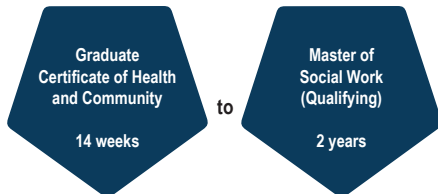
If you are entering the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) course through any pathway options, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, or equivalent, upon commencement of your pathway course.

Study Options

1 Direct Entry



2 Graduate Certificate Pathway



3 Pre-requisite Unit Set Pathway



Academic requirements - International Students

To meet the academic entry requirements for the Master of Social Work (Qualifying), you will need to meet one of the following criteria:

Direct Pathway

You must have completed a relevant three-year AQF Level 7 degree course that includes at least one year (equivalent to 8 units) of full-time studies in the social and behavioural sciences.

Graduate Certificate Pathway

If you have successfully completed an AQF Level 7 Bachelor degree with four relevant units of study in social and behavioural sciences AND have successfully completed Acknowledge Education's Graduate Certificate in Health and Community, you are eligible for a pathway to the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) at Acknowledge Education.

Pre-requisite Unit Set Pathway

If you have successfully completed an AQF Level 7 Bachelor's degree but do not have any relevant units of study in social and behavioural sciences, you have the opportunity to complete 4 units of our Bachelor of Community Services course. By successfully completing Acknowledge Education's Graduate Certificate in Health and Community, you will be eligible for a pathway to the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) at Acknowledge Education.

Units

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

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.



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