

# 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
<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.

## 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.

## Professional Registration and Accreditation

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

## Fieldwork Placement

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

*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.*

**Anne Mbata,  
Bachelor of Community Services**



## 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** Theories in Counselling

**COU202** Counselling Practice

**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

## Pathways

On successful completion of Acknowledge Education's Diploma of Community Services, you are eligible for direct entry into the second year of the Bachelor of Community Services degree with credit for **6** out of the 24 units of study.



## Course outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, you are eligible for the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) membership. For further information, please visit the ACWA 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

### Funding (Local students only)

Acknowledge Education Pty Ltd has been approved by the Commonwealth Government to offer FEE-HELP. FEE-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible fee-paying local students to pay all or part of their tuition fees.



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