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
AQF level	9

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.

AASW
Provisionally Accredited Qualification

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	Practice Education Preparation 1 #
MSWSW401	Introduction to Social Work: History, Theory, and Professional Identity #
MSWTP401	Foundations of Social Work Theory and Practice: Assessment and Intervention #
MSWCU401	Working with First Nations People*#
MSWTP402	Intervention with Individuals and Families in Social Work Practice #
MSWTP403	Understanding Organisational Practice in/for Social Work*
MSWRE402	Social Work Research* 🖵
MSWFE402	Field Education 1 ##
MSWFE501	Field Education Preparation 2 ^
MSWCU502	Culture Identity and Discrimination * 🖵
MSWCU503	Challenging Systems & Cultures of Violence & Abuse
MSWSW501	Human Rights, Ethics & Law 🖵
MSWTP504	Psychosocial Health and Wellbeing
MSWSW503	Leading Sustainable Community Change/Advocacy
MSWFE502A	Field Education 2
MSWRE501A	Capstone Seminar 🖵

#These units must be successfully completed to proceed to MSWFE402, and
##MSWFE402 must be successfully completed to proceed to MSWFE501
^This is a hurdle requirement that must be completed to proceed to MSWFE502A
** Upon completing the Bachelor of Community Services at Acknowledge Education, you will receive exemptions for those units*

🖵 *Online class*

Study Options

1 *Direct Entry*

Master of Social Work (Qualifying) — 2 years

2 *Graduate Certificate Pathway*

Graduate Certificate of Health and Community — 14 weeks → to → Master of Social Work (Qualifying) — 2 years

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.

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.

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