



Bachelor of Social Work (Domestic students)

Program code	Entry requirements	Prerequisites
1372	67.00	NIL
Available at	ATAR/RANK 2024	Assumed knowledge
Gold Coast Campus, Logan Campus, Z~Distance Education	(more)	Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3 and 4, C)
Duration	Commencing in	
4 years full-time 8 years part-time	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2	
Credit points		
320		
Indicative fee		
\$11,000.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		



About this program

Want to help people? Feel passionate about social justice and human rights - then social work is the right profession for you.

On your way to a satisfying career, you will study specialized social work courses, society and social arrangements, human behaviour and development, human services provision and counselling approaches and techniques to name a few core study areas.

You will complete two 500 hour field placements in your degree. Field placements give you the chance to put your academic knowledge and skills into practice, develop new ones and sample social work practice in the real world.

You will be supervised by a qualified social worker for the duration of your field placements.

In some situations, it may be possible to negotiate a workplace-based field placement.

Placements will be sourced in your area of choice where possible.

Students living in remote or rural areas may have limited choices depending on the availability of organisations within their local area and may have to travel.

You will become highly proficient in all core areas of social work theory and practice, develop critical thinking and reflective skills and be prepared for practice grounded in the values and ethics of the profession - social justice, diversity, equity and a commitment to the rights and needs of the people with whom you work.

Honours

Honours is available for this degree. Students who have completed the first two years of a relevant Bachelor degree with an appropriate Grade Point Average (GPA) and who meet the other requirements for admission to Honours have the opportunity to undertake a research project with supervision provided by an experienced researcher.

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1372	Bachelor of Social Work (this program)	Gold Coast, Logan, Distance Education	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
1416	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Gold Coast, Logan, Distance Education	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2

Note: Progression to the Honours program is dependent upon satisfying eligibility requirements.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Social Work is offered full-time and part-time. If you are intending to study part-time, it must be noted that the workplace placements are to be completed within a full-time study load. Students will need to be available full-time to attend 1000 hours of professional practice education placements in Years 3 and 4 as follows:

- 3012HSV Social Work Field Placement 1 (30 credit points)
- 4012HSV Social Work Field Placement 2 (30 credit points)

The field placements must be completed over two calendar years in accordance with Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (AWSEAS). The two compulsory field placements are completed in full-time mode and students must complete a minimum of 1000 hours of placement through the entirety of the program. In the case of extenuating circumstances only, placement days per week may be negotiated but must still fit within AASW accreditation guidelines. This will not change the number of hours in total that are required to be completed overall - therefore, placement may end after the scheduled University trimester end date.

Note the campus offerings for core social work courses in third and fourth year:

- 3005HSV Social Work in Health and Mental Health - offered at Logan campus and Gold Coast blended only
- 3023HSV Working with Family Violence - offered online. An on-campus offering will be available at Gold Coast or Logan campus
- 3036HSV Social Work 1 - offered online only
- 3038HSV Social Work 2 - offered at Gold Coast campus and online only
- 4002HSV Critical Reflective Practice - offered online only.

This program includes compulsory study in Trimester 3 of Year 3.

On-campus

The Bachelor of Social Work is offered full-time and part-time, on-campus at the Gold Coast and Logan campuses.

As a full-time on-campus student, you will generally attend 10-15 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week.

Some of the courses in this program may be run in an intensive block format. It is important to check course profiles and your timetable carefully to ensure that all course requirements are fully understood.

Distance Education

All social work students are required to attend at least 20 days on campus throughout their full period of study. This is a non-negotiable requirement of all AASW accredited social work programs in Australia. Students can enrol into the Distance Education offering of the program and will be able to complete the program off-campus by distance learning via our online learning management system with the exception of field placement and four compulsory five-day face-to-face intensive on-campus courses.

As a Distance Education student, your online studies may include online coursework, readings, research, discussions and other course related study. You should check the minimum computer specifications for studying online before considering applying for the Distance Education offering of this program.

Your compulsory attendance is in the form of one five-day intensive course per year held at the Gold Coast campus as follows:

- 1008HSV Interpersonal Skills (offered in T3 only)
- 2027HSV Group Facilitation (offered in T3 only)
- 3005HSV Social Work in Health and Mental Health (offered in T2 only)
- 3020HSV Counselling Individuals and Families (offered in T1 only)

Domestic students studying off-shore (that is, outside Australia) will be required to attend the compulsory face-to-face intensives on-campus in Australia as part of designated courses and will also need to complete one of the two field placements in Australia in accordance with professional accreditation requirements.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life.

In this program you will spend time in the work/professional environment undertaking placements at various locations. Placements may be outside of the Brisbane metropolitan/Gold Coast area including northern New South Wales and (by negotiation) interstate or overseas. Total work placements (hours): 1000.

In accordance with Section 4 of the [Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards \(ASWEAS\) 2020](#) "*Placements will be undertaken over at least two years of the professional social work program of study*".

My career opportunities

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Graduates of Griffith University's Bachelor of Social Work are ethical and innovative thinkers, effective communicators, problem solvers, change facilitators and leaders. The social work program prepares you for a wide range of social work roles that involve practice with individuals, families and communities.

You may consider careers in child protection, youth work, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services, child and family welfare, youth and adult offending, disability, hospital and community health settings, mental health, community development work, employment and income support, counselling, aged care, work with migrants and refugees, policy planning and development, management and administration, research and even private practice.

There are so many flexible career paths in social work. Social workers are employed in government and non-government agencies and found wherever inequality and social problems exist.

Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Social Work is accredited by the [Australian Association of Social Workers \(AASW\)](#).

Professional recognition

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Graduates of this program will be eligible to apply for registration with the [Australian Association of Social Workers \(AASW\)](#) subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the AASW. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact the AASW to confirm registration requirements.

Placement requirements

Professional Practice requirements

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Health Placement Support Hub](#) for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

If you are living in a remote or rural area, you may be expected to travel to a professional placement and this may also incur accommodation and living expenses to you. A Griffith University Placement Officer will work with you to find a suitable local placement however, this cannot always be guaranteed. Domestic students studying off-shore outside Australia can complete the placement (by negotiation) interstate or overseas.

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

Additional fee information

Throughout your program you may be required to pay for the following items:

first aid certificate; immunisations; uniforms; expenses associated with placements such as travel and accommodation. Fit for Professional Practice Placement costs such as Blue Card, Police Check. See [Health Placement Support Hub](#) website for more details.