



Master of Social Work (International students)

Program code 5621	Admission requirements Related Bachelor degree (except Social Work) or higher (more)	CRICOS code 092427M
Available at Gold Coast Campus, Z~Distance Education		Commencing in Trimester 2 and Trimester 3 Apply Now
Duration 2 to 2.5 years FT accelerated *Please refer to attendance information		
Credit points 180		
Indicative fee \$33,000.00* per year (more) * 2024 indicative annual fee		

Important Notes

From 2025, commencing students are referred to the [Master of Social Work \(5758\)](#).

About this program

This professional qualifying postgraduate program provides you with a social work qualification that allows entry into the profession. It is specifically designed for graduates holding degrees with some social and behavioural science components. The program equips you with the knowledge, skills, values and ethical foundations for social work practice in contemporary social policy and human service contexts.

This is an AASW-accredited qualification. It is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS).

Pathways

- Generalist Practice
- Dissertation

Note: Students can commence in Trimester 2 in the Generalist Practice pathway (in full-time mode) and transfer to the Dissertation pathway when all eligibility criteria have been successfully met.

The frameworks for practice incorporated in the program are designed to ensure graduates are effective, ethical, and innovative thinkers, communicators, problem-solvers, change facilitators and leaders.

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
5621	Master of Social Work (this program)	Gold Coast, Distance Education	Trimester 2 and Trimester 3
5730	Master of Social Work/Master of Mental Health Practice	Distance Education	
3397	Graduate Certificate in Social Care	Gold Coast, Distance Education	Exit point only
4208	Graduate Diploma of Social Care	Gold Coast, Distance Education	Exit point only

Note: The Master of Social Work (5621) is offered to International students at the Gold Coast campus only.

Note: Progression through this program suite is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

All students commencing in the Master of Social Work from July 2016 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. This can be achieved by attending the embedded **compulsory intensives** held at Gold Coast campus only in set courses throughout the program:

- 7060HSV Foundations of Social Work Practice (10 days)*
- 7002HSV Applied Counselling (5 days)
- 7063HSV Critical Reflective Practice in Social Work (5 days)

* 7060HSV Foundations of Social Work Practice must be completed in the first trimester of study. Students must pass this introductory course to continue in the program and undertake the first field placement course.

This program is offered to International students in full-time, on-campus mode at the Gold Coast campus.

The two field placements components of the program are to be completed within a full-time study load (at a minimum of three days per week).

On-campus elective courses may be offered at a campus other than a student's home campus. Students may be required to travel between campuses to complete some elective courses.

Duration

Trimester 2 intake

Students commencing in Trimester 2 will complete an accelerated pathway, completing the program in 2 years, full time.

Trimester 3 intake

Students commencing in Trimester 3 will complete an accelerated pathway, completing in 2.5 years, full time.

This program includes compulsory study in Trimester 3. Students who commence in Trimester 3 and are receiving income support should plan their enrolment to ensure they meet study requirements in the standard Trimester 1 and 2.

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Managing Study Interruptions

Leave of Absence

Taking a leave of absence from this program is permitted, subject to conditions outlined in the Enrolment Procedure and receiving approval from the Program Director or their nominee.

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.

There will be two field placement courses. These field placements are of 1000 hour minimum duration in an agency that meets the requirements of Griffith University. Students will be supervised by a qualified social worker for the duration of the field placement. In some situations, it may be possible to negotiate a work-place based field placement.

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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This degree prepares graduates for practice in a range of social work roles including working with individuals, groups and families, community work, advocacy, research, planning and policy development and management and administration. The frameworks for practice incorporated in the program are designed to ensure graduates are effective, ethical, and innovative thinkers, communicators, problem-solvers, change facilitators and leaders.

There are career opportunities for social workers in government, non-government and private sector agencies with jobs in hospital and community health settings, youth work, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services, child and family welfare, child protection, youth and adult offending, employment and income support, aged care, community development, family

support, disability services, services for women, multicultural services and many other social welfare organisations.

Program accreditation

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The Master of Social Work is accredited by the [Australian Association of Social Workers \(AASW\)](#). It is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS).

Professional recognition

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Enrolled students and 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, particularly in relation to English language proficiency. 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.

Pathways to further study

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Students who have successfully completed the Master of Social Work (Dissertation pathway) may be eligible for admission to the MPhil or PhD subject to the specified requirements for candidature in the Higher Degree Research Policy.

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International 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 for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Master of Social Work (5621)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Fees and Charges Procedure](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.6 - Fees for International Students
 - 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)