



## Master of Social Work/Master of Mental Health Practice (Domestic students)

### Program code

5730

### Admission requirements

Related Bachelor degree or higher

### Commencing in

Trimester 2

### Available at

Z~Distance Education

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### Next start date

Trimester 2, 2024 [\(more\)](#)

### Duration

3 years full-time

6 years part-time

### Applications close

Monday, 24 June 2024

### Credit points

240

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### Indicative fee

\$10,500.00\* per year [\(more\)](#)

\* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee

## About this program

This professional qualifying postgraduate program qualifies graduates for entry into the social work profession, as well as providing additional training to enhance employability in mental health practice. Graduates of this double degree complete the same courses as other Master of Social Work students, and are equipped with the knowledge, skills, values and ethical foundations for social work practice in a wide range of contemporary social policy and human service contexts, including mental health practice. This program of study is particularly suited to students who may be considering a future career as an Accredited Mental Health Social Worker.

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

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. It is specifically designed for graduates holding undergraduate degrees with some social and behavioural science components.

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
5621	<a href="#">Master of Social Work</a>	Gold Coast, Distance Education	Trimester 2 and Trimester 3
<b>5730</b>	<b>Master of Social Work/Master of Mental Health Practice (this program)</b>	<b>Distance Education</b>	<b>Trimester 2 only</b>
3397	<a href="#">Graduate Certificate in Social Care</a>	Gold Coast, Distance Education	Exit point only
4208	<a href="#">Graduate Diploma of Social Care</a>	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/Master of Mental Health Practice are required to attend at least 20 days on campus throughout their full period of study. This is a non-negotiable requirement of all Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) accredited social work programs in Australia. This program requirement is achieved by attending the compulsory intensives at Gold Coast campus:

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

This program is offered in full-time and part-time mode. However, if you are intending to study part-time, it must be noted that 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).

### Student Income Support

The Master of Social Work / Master of Mental Health Practice is **not** eligible for student income support. Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for a list of approved courses and education providers.

### 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 500 hour minimum duration in an agency that meets the requirements of Griffith University. In some situations, it may be possible to negotiate a work-place based field placement. Students enrolled in this double degree program will be supported to undertake their second field placement in a mental health related field of practice.

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*".

This program includes compulsory study in Trimester 3.

## My career opportunities

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This degree prepares graduates for practice in a range of social work and mental health roles, including working with individuals, groups and families, community work, advocacy, research, planning and policy development, and management and administration. This program of study is aimed at broadening graduates employability, rather than providing you with specialist training. You will graduate as social workers equipped to work in any field of social work practice, and in addition you will have received further training to deepen your knowledge and understanding of mental health practice.

This double degree has been developed in part in response to the growing interest in social work graduates seeking AASW accreditation as Accredited Mental Health Social Workers. Accreditation as an Accredited Mental Health Social Worker requires at least two years' (post-qualifying) supervised social work practice experience in mental health or related field. Graduates of this double degree program will be better equipped to secure employment in qualifying roles.

There are career opportunities for social workers and mental health 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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This program 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/Master of Mental Health Practice (Dissertation pathway) may be eligible for admission to the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) subject to the specified requirements for candidature in the [Higher Degree Research Policy](#).

## 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 postgraduate (domestic) students

#### 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.

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

- A fee-paying postgraduate 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.
- [Find out more...](#)

#### Tuition fees for your degree program

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)

#### Changing programs

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

#### Further information

- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
  - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

#### Additional fee information

This postgraduate program has **Commonwealth Supported Places**. If you are eligible, the Australian Government will contribute to the cost of this program but you will also be required to make a contribution.

Quotas are applied for admission to the Commonwealth Supported Places. Where demand exceeds the number of available places, not all eligible applicants who meet minimum program entry requirements may be offered a place. Assessment for admission is based on **meritorious performance**. If you are not successful in gaining a Commonwealth Supported Place, you may be eligible for a Fee-Paying Postgraduate place. Please note that deferrals are not permitted for programs with Commonwealth Supported Places.