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TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES WITH CQUNIVERSITY

Our innovative Master of Social Work (Qualifying) course at CQU offers a unique opportunity to engage with cutting-edge teaching methods and transformative learning experiences. With over 20 years of delivering accredited social work programs, we equip students with evidence-informed practices, an innovative mindset, and the professional skills necessary to drive social change and advocate for a more equitable society.

Designed around activist scholarship principles, our program prepares you to challenge existing paradigms and promote social justice. Engage with our dynamic teaching and learning approaches that cultivate practice skills utilising living labs, industry speakers and simulation activities. Join us and gain the skills, knowledge, and critical thinking required to excel in the field of social work.

WHY CHOOSE CQU?

Join a tradition of excellence in social work education at CQU.

Proven history and expertise: Our extensive experience in social work education, led by expert academics and practitioners, ensures a high-quality learning experience grounded in practical and theoretical knowledge.

Innovative and relevant curriculum: Our program, grounded in the latest research and pedagogical advancements, fosters critical reflection, ethical decision-making, and innovative problem-solving through a flexible framework.

Real-world application: Gain hands-on experience through two supervised field education placements, preparing you for diverse roles in social work.

Commitment to excellence and equity: We recognise the unique strengths, lived experiences and skills our students bring to the profession. Our curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking, reflective practice, and a deep understanding of diversity, social justice, and human rights.

Cross-cultural practice and global perspective: Develop skills for effective cross-cultural practice using an intercultural reflective approach, while studying in a vibrant multicultural city like Sydney, enriching your understanding of global social work practices.

Comprehensive support: Benefit from personalised support and mentorship from our dedicated teaching team, ensuring your academic and professional success.

COURSE OVERVIEW

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COURSE CODE:	CL90
DURATION:	2 years
INTAKES:	Term 2 (2025), Term 1 (2026)
AVAILABILITY:	Sydney
TERM FEE:	A\$17 040
ANNUAL FEE:	A\$34 080
CRICOS CODE:	SYD102182G

COURSE STRUCTURE

Our course comprises 10 core units and 2 field education units.

The key units include:

- » Social Work Field Education 1: Hands-on experience in a supervised social work setting.
- » Ethical and Legal Issues in Practice: Examination of ethical dilemmas and legal frameworks in social work.
- » Interviewing, Negotiation and Mediation Skills: Developing essential communication skills.
- » History, Culture, and Diversity: Understanding the historical and cultural context of social work through developing an understanding working with Australian First Nation's peoples and culturally diverse communities.
- » Psychosocial Perspectives on Health and Illness: Exploring the intersection of health, illness, and social work.
- » Social Work Theories and the Practice Context: Application of social work theories in practice.
- » Working with Families, Groups, and Communities: Strategies for effective social work practice in diverse settings.
- » Interpersonal, Family, and Structural Violence: Addressing violence across various areas of social work practice.
- » Social Work Field Education 2: Advanced practical experience in a professional setting.
- » Capstone Project: Integrating the skills and knowledge developed during the learning process.

FIELD EDUCATION

A cornerstone of our course, field education offers students two 500-hour supervised placements to apply their learning in real-world environments. Under expert supervision, students engage in various methods of change, including casework, direct practice, community development, group work, and policy.

These placements allow students to seamlessly integrate theoretical knowledge with practical experience.

Additionally, opportunities for regional Queensland placements are available for the second placement.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates are well-equipped for social work roles such as case manager, hospital social worker, family support worker, mental health social worker, child and family practitioner, community development practitioner, policy officer, and school social worker.

The health care and human services sector, a primary provider of new jobs in Australia, continues to grow, offering robust employment opportunities for our graduates.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic: Successful completion of an undergraduate degree in human services, social sciences, or a related discipline.

English: As per Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS) requirements.

- » IELTS (Academic) score of 7.0 overall, with no individual band score less than 7.0.
- » TOEFL (iBT) score of 94 overall, with no individual score less than 24 for reading and listening, 23 for speaking, and 27 for writing.
- » PTE Academic score of 65 overall, with no individual band score less than 65.

ACCREDITATION

The course is currently undergoing provisional accreditation with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). For more details on the accreditation process and standards, please visit aasw.asn.au.

Our course aligns with the ASWEAS, preparing graduates for generalist social work practice.

PHD PATHWAYS

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KEY DATES

	TERM 2 (2025)	TERM 1 (2026)
Orientation week	7 – 11 July	2 – 6 March
First day of classes	14 July	9 March
Last day of classes	10 October	5 June
Exam period	16 – 24 October	11 – 19 June
University vacation	27 October – 7 November	22 June – 10 July

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