



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Master of Social Work



Why study at Melbourne?

If you are passionate about working with people, highly motivated to succeed, have a thirst for life-long learning and excel academically, then the University of Melbourne is for you. Social work at Melbourne has a strong reputation for research in two key areas: children, young people and families, and health social work, including mental health. Renowned for global leadership in health, research, policy and practice, the University of Melbourne educates more health professionals than any other university in Australia. As a student, you will benefit from our first-class study options, state-of-the-art facilities and extensive connections with specialist and general hospitals, key government departments and community organisations. Studying at the University of Melbourne opens the door to a world of opportunities.

About the Master of Social Work

The Master of Social Work is designed to prepare graduates for professional practice in the field of social work. As an entry-to-practice degree, the Master of Social Work offers:

- > A nationally and internationally benchmarked course
- > Well-qualified and experienced teachers, with strong industry and government networks
- > Placements in a broad range of fields
- > Good coverage of particular fields of practice including mental health, child and family practice, health, ageing and substance abuse
- > On-site laboratories to practice and assess your interview skills
- > A specialist elective in the final semester.

Completion of this course leads to eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW), which is recognised Australia-wide and in many other countries. The University of Melbourne also offers a range of postgraduate coursework and research degrees to enhance your qualifications and career options. Social Work at Melbourne is one of the oldest established social work schools in Australia. The Melbourne School of Health Sciences is one of four graduate schools in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.



Testimonial

Rosanna Neff

“There is an excellent range of modules throughout the course that emphasise both the academic and practical side of social work, which is great because it gives me an encompassing knowledge of my future career. I particularly like the amount of online resources that are available and the way we have small seminar groups after each lecture because this gives me a chance to get to know people and further elaborate on the current topics.”

How long is the course?

The Master of Social Work can be undertaken as a:

- > Coursework-only degree over two years full-time or four years part-time, or
- > Coursework degree with a research component over two-and-a-half years or part-time over four years.

Career opportunities

The Master of Social Work has an excellent employment record for graduates. Social workers are employed in a wide range of government and community service agency settings, which are focused on children, youth and family, health, women, ageing, migration, justice and correctional and community services. As a social worker, you can undertake community work (needs assessment, community development, locality and social planning), group work (social support, educative and action groups), individual and family counselling, social case work, policy development and advocacy or program planning. Social work is a portable qualification, ideal if you would like to work in Victoria, interstate or overseas.

Fees and scholarships

- > Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and full fee places are available for students from Australia and New Zealand
- > International students are eligible for full fee paying places
- > All places are eligible for financial assistance through FEEHELP or HECS-HELP. Students may also be eligible for Youth Allowance and Austudy
- > Various scholarships are available for academic achievement and to provide access to students who might otherwise be excluded from tertiary study.

For detailed information about fees and scholarships go to: www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/future_students/becoming_a_social_worker/fees

Partnerships and networks

The University of Melbourne has strong links with many of Victoria's most widely recognised social work bodies. Some of our affiliate organisations include: Alfred Hospital, Anglicare Victoria, Brotherhood of St. Laurence, Eastern Health, Inner South Community Health Services, Jesuit Social Services, Royal Children's Hospital, Royal Women's Hospital, Royal Melbourne Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital and UnitingCare Moreland Hall.

Selection criteria

To apply for the Master of Social Work, applicants must:

- > Have an undergraduate degree;
- > Submit a written statement of up to 500 words detailing your ability and reasons for undertaking the Master of Social Work;
- > Provide evidence of at least 40 hours of relevant work experience over three months (paid or volunteer); and
- > Submit a referee report on relevant work experience.

How do I apply?

Go to:
www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/future_students/becoming_a_social_worker/applications

More information

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