


# Master of Social Work (Qualifying)



Become an advocate for  
**social justice and human rights.**  
Make a real difference to the  
lives of people in need.

# Welcome to Federation University Australia

We're thrilled that you've taken the first step towards completing a degree with Federation University. Whatever your passion or career goals, Federation has everything you need to make your mark in the world.

## Reasons to choose Federation University

<b>TOP 200</b>	Young Universities in the World <sup>1</sup>
<b>TOP 300</b>	Universities worldwide for Sustainable Development Goals <sup>2</sup>
<b>#1</b>	university in Victoria for Graduate Starting Salary for Social Work <sup>3</sup>
<b>5/5 RATING</b>	<b>Excellence in Research<sup>4</sup></b> Federation was rated <b>at or above world standard</b> in 80% of our submitted Fields of Research
	<b>Affordable tuition</b> fees and <b>great scholarships</b> available
	<b>High quality</b> , personalised teaching and dedicated <b>international student support</b>
	<b>Industry integrated learning</b> with opportunities for <b>real life projects</b> with industry leaders

1 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2023

2 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Impact Rankings 2023

3 The Good Universities Guide 2024 (Postgraduate)

4 Excellence in Research Australia, 2018 National Report



# Welcome to the Institute of Education, Arts and Community

What makes us human? Why do we behave the way we do? How can we use what we learn to tackle pressing issues, help others lead better lives, or change the way we engage with each other?

If you've asked yourself similar questions, a career in Social Work may be perfect for you.

The Institute of Education, Arts and Community will help you ask big questions like these, diving deeper into the contours of human cultures and societies. Learn from our experienced and passionate lecturers about a wide range of topics including politics, history, sociology, criminology, literature and social welfare (just to name a few).



## Meet your Course Coordinator

Dr Clement Chihota coordinates the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) and Graduate Certificate in Social and Community Services courses within the Institute of Education, Arts and Community at Federation University Australia.

With over 10 years' experience in education, Clement also teaches a range of undergraduate and postgraduate electives that focus on social work, the community and human services.

As a member of the Society and Heritage Stream of the Future Regions Research Centre, Clement is interested in migration, settlement and diversity issues. His research centres on the scope for critical language awareness in social work education and the dialectical relationship between discourses and social structures (including power relations).

Clement is highly interested in the development of critical thinking skills among his social work students and is keen to promote inclusivity and provide student-centred teaching at Federation.

# What to expect

Our Master of Social Work (Qualifying) students will:

- learn from **world-leading community and human services professionals** who know you by name, in a small classroom, with access to mentorship and support throughout your studies
- **gain an in-depth understanding** of working with migrants, people with alcohol, drug and mental health problems along with palliative care, child protection and youth services settings
- **balance study, work and family life** thanks to a flexible timetable. Students attend fortnightly face-to-face seminars, with supplementary online materials and seminars, for all scheduled courses in the course
- be prepared to **work across human and community services** in government bodies, non-government organisations and a range of community and health services
- complete two industry placements (500 hours each) in diverse social work settings, while being **mentored by experienced professionals** in the field
- be able to **pursue a career** as a qualified professional social work and take up management positions or work in national or international policy development.

Our Master of Social Work (Qualifying) course is perfectly suited to people wanting to pursue a career as a social worker, or people currently working in industry who wish to upgrade their skills with a recognised qualification.

During your first year of study, you will complete foundational courses in social work theory and practice while honing skills in critical thinking and problem-solving within community and health contexts. Upon completion of your first field education placement, you will focus on specialist areas of community health and high-risk groups, understand social work research principles and complete a final semester of field placement.

## What's in the detail?

### CRICOS

085213F

### INTAKES

Semester 1 (February)

Semester 2 (July)

### CAMPUSES

Berwick (Melbourne), Semester 1

Mt Helen (Ballarat), Semester 2

### DURATION

2 years full time  
(240 credit points)

### FEES (ANNUAL)

\$28,140

**New international students may be eligible for a tuition fee scholarship.**

[federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships/international-scholarships](https://www.federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships/international-scholarships) ↗

### ACCREDITATION

This degree is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). ↗



# Sample course plan

The Master of Social Work (Qualifying) course is uniquely structured across four semesters per year in a hybrid timetable. Students benefit from a study-work-life balance, attending fortnightly in-person seminars, combined with online modules. This considered approach to teaching ensures students have a deep level of knowledge of theoretical concepts before applying new skills beyond the classroom in two industry placements.

To learn more, visit our website to view the standard and non-standard academic calendars.

[federation.edu.au/staff/governance/academic-board/academic-calendar](https://www.federation.edu.au/staff/governance/academic-board/academic-calendar) ↗

## Year one

<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	Foundations of social work theory (15 credit points)	Professional social work practice (15 credit points)
<b>WINTER SEMESTER</b>	Social work practice with groups and communities (15 credit points)	
<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	Social Policy: Development and impact (15 credit points)	
<b>SUMMER SEMESTER</b>	Social work field education 1 (45 credit points)	Social work practice in diverse contexts (15 credit points)

## Year two

<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	Contemporary social work theories and practice (15 credit points)	Social work practice with children, young people and families (15 credit points)
<b>WINTER SEMESTER</b>	Law and ethics in social work practice (15 credit points)	
<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	Integrative social work practice (15 credit points)	Social work research (15 credit points)
<b>SUMMER SEMESTER</b>	Social work field education 2 (45 credit points)	

This qualification is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). It has also been assessed as being an equivalent qualification for the purposes of the Mandatory Minimum Qualifications policy for employment in specialist family violence practitioner roles in Victoria.

### Brenda, Uganda

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“ I chose to study Social Work to help other people within my field. Throughout the course we do a lot of placement to prepare us for industry and we will be accredited upon graduation — I am excited to put the theory I have learned into practice. The University helped me to organise my placement experience which made everything so easy. ”



# Industry connections

## Put your dream career in reach

Federation’s commitment to embedding work-integrated learning into our courses ensure that every student can put new skills and expertise into practice and graduate with excellent employment prospects.

Throughout this course, you’ll have the opportunity to attend guest lectures and network with social work professionals. You will also undertake two industry placements (500 hours each) that will see you exposed to a variety of government and non-government agencies. You may find yourself placed in the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, working at hospitals, schools and correctional service facilities.

Studying social work with Federation University can catapult you into a fulfilling career helping others. Upon graduating, you will be qualified for a career as a professional social worker and can pursue management-level positions or work in national or international policy development.

## Where do our social work graduates work now?

- Hospitals
- Community health care
- Child protective services
- Justice and reform
- Community development
- Local and national governments
- Government policy makers
- Social research and advocacy bodies



# Entry and application information

## Entry requirements

To be eligible for this course students must have **successfully completed**:

- a **relevant<sup>^</sup> bachelor degree** with at least one year of study (or the equivalent of full-time studies) in social and behavioural sciences; or
- a **related<sup>^</sup> bachelor degree** with four relevant courses (equal to 0.5 EFTSL) **AND** an Australian **Graduate Certificate in Social and Community Services**

### AND

- **Academic IELTS overall score of 7.0**, with no bands less than 7.0 (or equivalent)

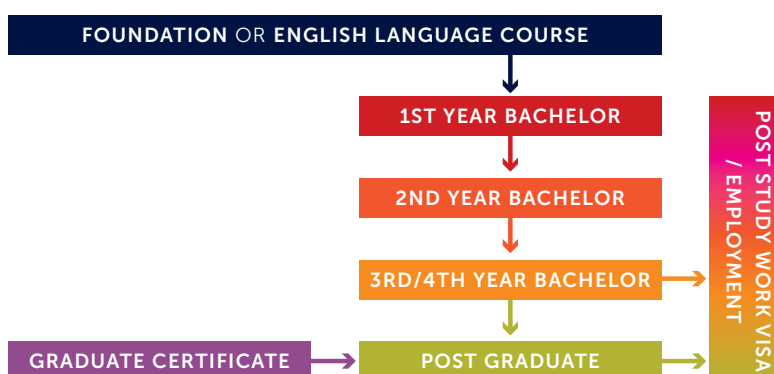
<sup>^</sup>Visit our Course Finder website to learn more about relevant and related bachelor degrees required for entry into this course. [study.federation.edu.au](https://study.federation.edu.au) ↗

For more information on satisfying English language requirements, including accepted test programs, please visit [federation.edu.au/english-language-requirements](https://federation.edu.au/english-language-requirements) ↗

Once you have submitted your application, you will be assessed against the course requirements and for available pathways and scholarships.

## Pathways designed specifically for you

If you have not met the entry requirements for this course, don't worry. With a range of pathways now available, you can be studying at Federation University sooner than you think.



## English Language courses

(CRICOS Code 113565A)

Students who do not meet the English language requirements for this course may be eligible to complete our General English or English for Academic Preparation (EAP) courses. These courses have been newly designed to equip you with the English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills needed to be successful in your university studies. Depending on your English level, the Admissions team will package the appropriate pathway option together with your chosen degree.

### Find out more ↗

2024 course information will become available soon. To learn more, visit [study.federation.edu.au/area/pathways](https://study.federation.edu.au/area/pathways)

## Graduate Certificate in Social and Community Services

(CRICOS Code 0102153)

Students who successfully complete a related Bachelors degree\* and our Graduate Certificate in Social and Community Services course are eligible for direct entry to the Master of Social Work (Qualifying).

### Find out more ↗

[study.federation.edu.au/course/DGC4](https://study.federation.edu.au/course/DGC4)

## Bachelor of Community and Human Services

(CRICOS Code 085212G)

Graduates of our Bachelor of Community and Human Services course are eligible for direct entry to the Master of Social Work (Qualifying). Students will receive credit for one semester of study, reducing the length of study from 2 years to 1.5 years.

### Find out more ↗

[study.federation.edu.au/course/DHC5](https://study.federation.edu.au/course/DHC5)

Both qualifications have been assessed as being an equivalent qualification for the purposes of the Mandatory Minimum Qualifications policy for employment in specialist family violence practitioner roles in Victoria.

# Scholarships

## Studying in Australia just became more affordable

At Federation University Australia, we're driven to make a real difference to the lives of every student who studies with us.

Our scholarships help ease the financial stress of commencing study at a university, especially for international students who are moving to Australia. From accommodation support to tuition fee discounts and research grants, we offer a range of scholarships to help you start studying sooner.

Visit our website to learn more about available scholarships, terms and conditions, eligibility criteria, and how to apply.

**Find out more** ↗

[federation.edu.au/scholarships](https://www.federation.edu.au/scholarships)

# Feel supported to succeed

We understand that choosing to study abroad is both an exciting and challenging time. Help at Federation University is readily available – be it support with your English, understanding your assignments, or finding someone to talk to about personal life concerns. No matter the challenge, our range of student-focused services enables international students to develop skills, knowledge and confidence in a supportive environment that is united in your ambition to succeed.

Some of our support services include:



English Language Support Service



Libraries and Learning Skills Advisory



Counselling



International Student Employability



International Student Advisory



Spiritual facilities



Support for students with disabilities



Sports and clubs

## Windya, Sri Lanka

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“ Federation has given me support in so many ways to achieve more than I could have ever hoped for. During my Work-Integrated Learning, I was exposed to many issues and struggles faced by children and teachers allowed me to be more aware of the culture within Australian schools and the support they need. ”

# Your next steps

Whether you're applying directly or via an agent, just follow these simple steps



## Step 1

### FIND YOUR COURSE

Find the Federation University course you wish to study

- For undergraduate and postgraduate courses visit [study.federation.edu.au](https://study.federation.edu.au)
- Check you meet the academic entry requirements
- Check you meet the English language requirements
- Check for any essential requirements that you need to complete in addition to your application.

Essential requirements may include auditions, tests or interviews.

## Step 2

### APPLY

- International students or their agents must apply through the **StudyLink** online application system  
Visit [federation.edu.au/international/study-at-federation/apply](https://federation.edu.au/international/study-at-federation/apply)
- Follow the instructions and ensure you have attached all relevant supporting documents.
- Details of documentation required is available at [federation.edu.au/international/prepare](https://federation.edu.au/international/prepare)

Note: Be aware of cut off dates.

## Step 3

### ASSESSMENT

Your application will be assessed by our team

- English language requirements
- Academic entry requirements
- Scholarships



## Step 4

### OFFER MADE

#### Congratulations!

You will be sent an International Student Offer and Acceptance Pack that includes:

- Letter of Offer
- Information for accepting your offer
- GTE and/or financial assessment forms\*

Refer [federation.edu.au/SSVF](https://federation.edu.au/SSVF) for more information.

\*International students may be required to complete a pre-visa screening process as a condition of their offer under the requirements of the Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF). The requirements will depend on a number of factors.

## Step 5

### ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT

Once you have provided all documentation and met all conditions, sign the acceptance of your offer letter and pay the required fees.

We will then issue you with an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Note: Payments to Federation must be made via Convera GlobalPay through your StudyLink application.



## Step 6

### VISA APPLICATION WITH COE

You will need your CoE to apply for your Australian student visa.

More information on the visa application process is available at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au)

Note: Make sure you plan in advance to get your visa in time.



## Step 7

### PREPARE TO ARRIVE

We will send you an International Student Support Guide to help you understand what to expect.

### FLIGHTS

Make sure you arrive in time to attend the compulsory International Student Orientation Program that is held in the weeks before semester commences.

### ACCOMMODATION

Check out the offers from FedLiving – on-campus accommodation in Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland.



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