SOCIAL WORK

If you are driven to help people deal with personal and social problems, either directly or by planning and carrying out programs that will benefit groups or communities, the UWS Social Work degree is the ideal program of study.

Course Details
1666 Bachelor of Social Work (UAC Code 706850)
2009 UAI Cut-off - 70.40

Career Opportunities
Social Work is a profession committed to alleviating suffering and disadvantage associated with social arrangements. It is an internationally recognised professional qualification driven by a commitment to social justice. In Australia, social workers work in a range of human services. Many jobs are designated social work positions requiring an accredited social work qualification. These jobs are often in hospitals, mental health services and government services such as Centrelink.

• Community work
• Child protection
• Case managers for people with disabilities or mental health issues
• Drug and alcohol work
• Youth work
• Social Workers are also eligible for the Medicare rebate and so can work as private practitioners in the counselling field

Social workers also find jobs in the related fields of communication, training and health promotion.

Course Structure
The Bachelor of Social Work is a four year degree based on the Bankstown campus. The Bachelor of Social Work gives you the valuable skills and knowledge you need for effective professional practice as a social worker. It emphasises practical skills and makes you job-ready by requiring you to complete over 1,000 hours of supervised field placements, at the same time as introducing you to cutting edge social research and theoretical perspectives. This will set you up for a rewarding career in social work within private or government agencies, welfare support organisations, community groups or in health.

Recommended Study Pattern
The Bachelor of Social Work is made up of 320 credit points (29 units of study)

Autumn
Year 1
- Contexts of Human Services
- Organisations, Communities and Communication
- Understanding Society
- Mental Health in the Community

Year 2
- Community Work and Development
- Ethics in the Social Sciences
- Lifespan Development in the Human Services
- Working with Individuals and Families

Year 3
- Family Violence: Policy and Practice
- Applied Social Research
- Field Education 1

Year 4
- Critical Social Work Practice (Direct)
- Critical Social Work Practice (Indirect)
- Social Work and Health
- Ideologies of Practice in Social Work

Spring
Year 1
- Human Services Intervention Strategies
- Geographies of Social Difference
- The Individual and Society
- Working with Cultural Difference

Year 2
- Human Services and the Law
- Group Work and Social Work
- Social Research Methods
- Community and Social Action

Year 3
- Social Work and Social Policy
- Community Management and Organisation
- Child Abuse as a Social Issue
- Contemporary Issues in Social Science

Year 4
- Contemporary Social Work Practice
- Field Education 2

Employment can also be found in Federal, State and Local government departments in the areas of:
• The Defence Forces working with defence personnel and their families
• Centrelink - working with clients with complex needs
• Child protection, family and community services
• Mental health, community mental health services
• Hospital and community health: organising community care of people following acute medical illness and ongoing needs for care
• Aged care: assessment, family liaison, accommodation support services
• Disabilities: working with young people with disabilities
• Probation and parole: case work, community management of offenders
• Corrective services: welfare work, counselling and family liaison
• Community development work: planning human services, developing programs for specific needs