



Master of Social Work (Domestic students)

Program code

5620

Available at

Gold Coast Campus

Duration

2.5 years full-time

Credit points

180

Offered in

For Continuing Students Only

Why choose this program?

This degree will provide you with a postgraduate professional social work qualification that allows entry into the profession. It is specifically designed for graduates holding degrees with some social and behavioural science components. You will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, values and ethical foundations for social work practice in contemporary social policy and human service contexts.

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.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The program is offered in full-time and part-time, on-campus mode at the Gold Coast campus (with some courses available in distance mode). 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.

All students commencing in the Master of Social Work from July 2016 are required to attend at least 20 days on campus throughout their full period of study. This is a non-negotiable requirement of all AASW accredited social work programs in Australia. This can be achieved by attending the embedded **compulsory intensives** in set courses throughout the program.

On-campus elective courses may be offered at a campus other than a student's home campus. Students may be required to travel between campuses to complete some elective or core courses.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Managing study interruptions

Leave of absence: Students will require approval from the Program Director or nominee to take a leave of absence.

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 each equating to a total of 1000 hours in an agency that meets the requirements of Griffith University. Students will be supervised by a qualified social worker for the duration of the field placement. In some situations, it may be possible to negotiate a work-place based field placement.

My career opportunities

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You will be prepared for practice in a range of social work roles including working with individuals, groups and families, community work, advocacy, research, planning and policy development and management and administration. You will find career opportunities 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 \(AASW\)](#).

Professional recognition

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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. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact the AASW to confirm registration requirements.

Graduates from a non-English speaking background should be aware that an IELTS score of 7.0 with no sub-score less than 7.0 is required for registration with [Australian Association of Social Workers \(AASW\)](#). You will be required to complete an IELTS test at your own expense.

Placement requirements

Before I enrol

- Criminal History Check
- Immunisation and Health Record
- Working with Children Check (Blue Card)

Professional placements

- Griffith University Health and Safety Induction
- Griffith University Student Deed Poll
- New South Wales Health placement requirements (including mandatory training)
- Queensland Health placement requirements

There are placements associated with this program. Students should refer to the **checklist of pre-placement and placement requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Fit for Placement website](#) for full details of the requirements regarding clinical placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

Note: In the event that there is a difference between the contents published on the Fit for Placement website and the program-specific information published on the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses websites, or where information published on the Fit for Placement website is not in accordance with University Policy, the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses website contents and University Policy shall override the information on the Fit for Placement website.

What are the fees?

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.

Program fees for the Master of Social Work (5620)

Year of study	Fee category/Band	Fee per CP	Tuition fee 80cp
2020	Fee Band 22.0	\$275.00	\$22,000.00
2019	Fee Band 21.5	\$268.75	\$21,500.00

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

- [Fees and Charges Policy](#)
- [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 and all places have been filled for the current admission period, applicants who meet minimum program entry requirements may be eligible for a Fee-Paying Postgraduate place if such places are available.

This program has been approved by the Australian Government for **student income support** (for example, Youth Allowance and Austudy). Students should contact [Centrelink](#) for more information about their eligibility for student income support payments.