



## **Program aims**

This program aims to provide an enhanced understanding of the basic issues, principles and human services paradigms in the social and community sector together with skills and theoretical frameworks for people interested in becoming human services professionals in the community and non-government sector. Particular major and minor studies will focus on competencies required for employment in these roles. The program affords the opportunity to engage in specialised study of marginalised groups.

## **Program Rules**

- Satisfactorily complete all courses within a maximum period of 9 years (standard duration is 3 years full-time, 7 years part-time)
- Maintain satisfactory academic achievement throughout the duration of the program consistent with the UniSQ Student Academic Progress Procedure
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- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- [Assumed knowledge](#) expectations: English.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

^ These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2023 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about UniSQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

## Requirements for professional experience placements

Students are required to complete a minimum of 400 hours of professional placement in the Bachelor of Human Services (Health and Social Wellbeing). This is an Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) accreditation requirement. Students are offered 210 hours per placement (a total of 420 hours) in order to provide a buffer against unexpected variations in attendance. To be eligible to apply for ACWA accreditation, students are required to successfully complete [HSW2299 Professional Placement A](#) (210 hours) and [HSW3399 Professional Placement B](#) (210 hours).

Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland for practical placement. Please refer to the relevant [Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) for Bachelor of Human Services (Health and Social Wellbeing) Students.

Students may be required to demonstrate immunisation status depending upon the nature of service delivery and the conditions assigned by the host human services agency.

Mandatory Documents required prior to commencing ANY clinical placements in the program:

- Blue Card or Working with Children Check
- Australian Police Certificate
- Resume
- UniSQ Student Declaration
- UniSQ Placement Request Form

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

### **International full fee paying place**

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

### **Program completion requirements**

Students will be eligible to graduate from the Bachelor of Human Services (Health and Social Wellbeing) following satisfactory completion of all theoretical and fieldwork components (if required). Some courses have compulsory attendance requirements and to satisfy the placement courses students must participate in the required hours of placement offered at off-campus venues and satisfactorily demonstrate the learning objectives of the course.

### **Program structure**

The program comprises 24 units including 8 core courses/units, 8 courses/units specific to the Bachelor of Human Services (Health and Social Wellbeing) and one of the following combinations:

- one 4-unit minor and 4 electives **or**
- two 4-unit minors **or**
- 8 electives **or**
- 8 units from one of the following programs.\*
- [Bachelor of Human Services](#)<sup>†</sup>
- [Bachelor of Human Services \(Community Development & Indigenous Studies\)](#)<sup>†</sup>
- [Bachelor of Human Services \(Counselling\)](#)<sup>†</sup>
- [Bachelor of Human Services \(Child and Family Studies\)](#)<sup>†</sup>

\* Alternatively, the second 8-unit major can be chosen from any approved 8-unit major in the University.

† Students should ensure that they complete the appropriate courses in their second major in order to graduate with a double major in the Bachelor of Human Services. Where two majors are chosen which have some compulsory courses in common, the overlap will be made up by taking extra electives.

At least four courses in the program must be at Level 3. Please refer to the Recommended Enrolment Patterns below for your type of enrolment (full-time/part-time) to assist you with your enrolment choices.

### **Required time limits**

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