



Social Work and Human Services

Career Area Guide 2020

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A degree in social work or human services gives you the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of individuals, families, social groups and communities. Charles Sturt University has a rich history of providing the highest quality tertiary education in the field.



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Charles Sturt University's social work and human services degrees can provide you with a path to a highly rewarding career working with people from different backgrounds, resolving social problems, and empowering individuals and communities. Our courses are ideal if you're committed to social justice, giving you the advanced skills and industry knowledge to lead in both practice research and policy.

You can also choose to pursue a career working with a particular community group, such as children and older people, or with people affected by domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, or mental illness.

Whichever profession you choose, our degrees will equip you for success. Many also offer an admission pathway to further research and study.

Careers in this field give you the opportunity to work in a wide range of social welfare and social work agencies, in areas such as:

- aged services
- case management
- child protection
- community services
- corrections
- disability and rehabilitation
- group and community work
- health
- individual and family counselling.



Undergraduate courses

Bachelor of Human Services (with specialisations)

This course will lead you to a rich and rewarding career in social welfare and human services. You can choose from a number of specialisations, including:

- Australian Indigenous Welfare
- Child, Youth and Family Practice
- Disability
- Gerontology and Healthy Ageing
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Multicultural Welfare.

Fast-track your studies in this program with entry via a Diploma of Community Services or similar. If you do not possess this qualification, you are still eligible to undertake the three-year program if you meet the entry requirements.

Find out more at
futurestudents.csu.edu.au/apply/minimum-entry-requirements

Bachelor of Social Work

You'll be equipped with the knowledge and skills to make a valuable contribution in social welfare and social work agencies, whether in rural areas, metropolitan settings or overseas. You'll also be able to work in policy, research or advocacy.

Accredited with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW), this degree allows you to tap into Charles Sturt University's extensive experience in providing social work education in Australia. With 1000 hours of supported workplace learning, you'll gain the hands-on practical experience you need to launch a lifelong career in this field.

Postgraduate courses

Graduate certificates

A graduate certificate allows you to build on the knowledge gained during your career or undergraduate program, while also providing extra vocational skills to broaden your employment options.

You can undertake a graduate certificate following the completion of an undergraduate degree or if you have been working in the social work and human services sector for five years or more.

If you're currently working in the field, completing a graduate certificate is a great way to test your capacity for further postgraduate study. It can also provide you with a professional development plan, structure and focus. Plus, you'll have an edge when you go for your next promotion or job interview.

Graduate certificates can progress you onto further higher degree programs with either credit or articulated pathways.

All of our graduate certificates require you to complete four subjects over a 12-month period. They're available online, giving you the flexibility to study anywhere, at any time that suits you.

New in 2020

Graduate Certificate in Case Management and Coordinated Care

This course will provide you with the skills and knowledge to become a case management and coordinated care specialist. You'll graduate with a breadth of knowledge across many sectors, which is important for delivery of services to regional and remote areas. This online course will give you the expertise you need to thrive in today's multidisciplinary community care roles. Our industry and academic experts will show you how to build lasting and rewarding relationships with your clients. Discover how to communicate, negotiate and advocate on your client's behalf across a broad range of practice areas.

Graduate Certificate in Ecological and Social Change

Sustainable practice is increasingly understood as fundamental to the achievement of social justice and human rights. But what does it mean to take a sustainable holistic approach to social services and what are the professional implications? This course is designed to extend your understanding of sustainable practice by examining competition for natural resources and the discourses surrounding their use. It also examines the roles of individuals and organisations in influencing the impact of the environmental crisis on human wellbeing.

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Cultural Competency

This unique course is grounded in contemporary theory and research-informed approaches to enhance the capacity of professionals to communicate in culturally responsive ways. It is particularly focused on professions that work for or with Indigenous Australian communities.

You'll be provided with rich learning experiences in an online environment to develop your capacity to build local solutions to challenges that have global consequences for Indigenous peoples, human rights and nation-building. You will explore diverse social, institutional and historical contexts and connect these directly with your profession.

This course will complement your previous studies and your work experience with other similar client-driven services.

Master's degrees

A master's degree consists of coursework, independent research or a combination of the two, and will make you a leader in your field.

A master's degree takes up to two years full-time or four years part-time to complete

Master of Leadership in Human Services (with specialisations) Graduate Certificate in Leadership in Human Services (with specialisations)

These advanced degrees will establish you as a leader in the human services field, focusing on high-level critical analysis skills to explore either practice research or policy.

Choose subjects that interest you professionally and give you the space to explore in-depth research about a topic that's relevant to you and your work.

This online course is suitable for practitioners from across the broad field of the human services sector. Whether you are on the frontline of service delivery or managing a program, working in policy or undertaking research, in the public sector or for a non-government organisation, this course is for you.

Specialisations

Child, Youth and Family Practice

Build on your experience and deepen your knowledge of working with children, young people and their families. Move beyond the process of assessment and the skills around intervening and be able to make critical evaluations and intentional decision making.

Ecological and Social Change

Climate change impacts all of us – but vulnerable people and communities are more likely to be adversely affected. Explore the ramifications of environmental change and how they'll influence service delivery – now and into the future. Delve into how to build an individual's, the community's and service providers' capacity to respond to change.

Management

Working in human services and found yourself managing staff and programs? This specialisation will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to best manage your leadership or managerial role. Use your practical experience gained in this qualification to balance the diverse needs of your clients, staff and organisation.



Master of Gerontology
Graduate Diploma of Gerontology
[exit point only]
Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

This suite of courses enables you to become a leader in one of the world's fastest growing sectors. You'll develop the advanced skills and experience to deliver exceptional health outcomes and ensure the wellbeing of older people across a variety of industry settings.

As one of Australia's leading providers of online education, Charles Sturt University gives you the flexibility to apply your learning directly to your work. Through this articulated set of courses, you can build your studies to the level you want, or enter directly into the Master of Gerontology.

Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying)

Do you have a degree, but would like to gain a social work qualification? This course caters for graduates from other fields who aspire to become social workers. Offered with all the flexibility of online learning so you can manage your work, study and family commitments, this degree leads to professional accreditation with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

In two years of full-time study, or four years of part-time study, you'll gain the skills and knowledge you need to advance social justice and human rights in Australia and overseas.

With a thorough grounding in core social work values and professional practice, you'll be supported by leading educators with extensive industry experience.

Master of Advanced Social Work Practice

This course offers qualified social workers the opportunity to acquire highly developed knowledge and skills that will enhance the quality of your practice.

You'll be prepared for management, policy and practice leadership roles. With flexible options for structuring your research and study, you'll build on your experience to take your career to the next level.



Doctorate

Doctor of Social Work

This course provides you with unique opportunities to undertake advanced and critical reflection on professional social work practice. As one of the highest levels of qualification available, this course enables you to conduct research that makes an original and significant contribution to knowledge in the discipline.

Under the guidance of an experienced academic supervisor, you'll develop an advanced understanding of human service research methods, conduct an original research investigation and present your findings in a dissertation.

Charles Sturt University is a leading Australian provider of social work education. Our academic staff draw on extensive industry experience and the latest research to inform their teaching. You will experience the benefits of group-based learning and forge professional connections that will extend well beyond your studies. Doctoral students are offered regular networking opportunities and ongoing support through optional seminars and an exclusive online peer support site.

Course availability 2020

Course	Available session*	On campus	Online
Bachelor of Human Services (with specialisations)	1 and 2	PM	✓
Bachelor of Social Work	1 and 2	WW, PM, DU	✓
Doctor of Social Work	1 and 2	WW	✓
Graduate Certificate in Case Management and Coordinated Care	1 and 2	-	✓
Graduate Certificate in Ecological and Social Change	1 and 2	-	✓
Graduate Certificate in Gerontology	1 and 2	-	✓
Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Cultural Competency	1 and 2	-	✓
Graduate Certificate in Leadership in Human Services (with specialisations)	1 and 2	-	✓
Master of Advanced Social Work Practice	1 and 2	-	✓
Master of Gerontology	1 and 2	-	✓
Master of Leadership in Human Services	1 and 2	-	✓
Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying)	1 and 2	-	✓

On-campus study locations: WW = Wagga Wagga, PM = Port Macquarie, DU = Dubbo

*Session availability varies between campus locations and modes.

Please visit study.csu.edu.au/social-work for full details.



It was love at first sight when I embarked on a social work degree at Charles Sturt University. I am happy to say that by the end of my time at Charles Sturt University, I knew I truly wanted to be a social worker. What other profession has such adaptable skills to suit so many different contexts? We are the ultimate chameleons in our rural and remote health landscapes.

Alice Munro
Bachelor of Social Work



I was attracted to this course because of my desire to gain a better insight into working in human services and disability. It was about connecting practice with theory. The practical components of the course gave a breadth of experiences, and recognition of transference of skills across domains. I'm now working in my chosen field of disability services. My advice to students just starting out is to develop a network of peers that are able to help explore opportunities together.

Robyn Broadley
Master of Social Work
(Professional Qualifying)



Scholarships

A university qualification is an investment in your future – and Charles Sturt University provides hundreds of scholarships to help.

From course, campus, sport and academic scholarships, to those for students from an Indigenous background, a rural area or who are experiencing financial hardship, scholarships make studying easier. We have more than 200 scholarships available.

Explore your options.

→ study.csu.edu.au/get-support/scholarships

Are you already a Charles Sturt University graduate?

Find out more about the alumni benefits available to you, including a 10 per cent discount on fee-paying postgraduate courses.

→ alumni.csu.edu.au/benefits-and-services

Engaging in study will make you a more skilled, reflective and ethical practitioner. All students at Charles Sturt University graduate with a commitment to lifelong learning, Indigenous cultural competence, sustainable practices and global citizenship.

Find out more about our graduate attributes.

→ Visit csu.edu.au and search for 'graduate learning outcomes'.



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