



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

EMPOWER. ADVOCATE. LEAD.

Social Workers are at the forefront of supporting individuals, families and groups, and developing communities. Use your voice to shape social change and create a more equitable future.

We approach social work education differently. Our curriculum has a practical, work-ready focus with an emphasis on evidence-informed practice, ethics and critical thinking.

Through small group workshops, case simulations with professional actors, and experiential learning - including comprehensive feedback and coaching, the competencies you'll need to succeed as a social worker will become second nature.

Your teachers are practitioners with extensive industry experience and many of the staff are world-recognised researchers. Their comprehensive experience ensure your practice is globally-informed, ready to meet the changing needs of our communities.

In the Master of Social Work you will:

- Start building your capacity as a social worker from day one of your degree.
- Get practical work experience in healthcare, government and community settings.
- Gain specialist knowledge through completing elective units of your choice including family violence, mental health, AOD and social work in a hospital context.
- Develop your research skills and discover how research informs social work practice.

COURSE STRUCTURE

YEAR 1

Foundations for social work practice
Orientation to practice
Supervised professional practice 1 (500 hours)
Research for social work practice

YEAR 2

Assessment and intervention: working with communities and groups
The Australian welfare state and social policy
Social work practice in health and mental health
Supervised professional practice 2 (500 hours)
Social work capstone

Plus a choice of electives in specialist areas.

Find out more about which subjects you'll study, visit monash.edu/study/course/m6012

You may be eligible to exit early with a Graduate Diploma of Health Studies if the award requirements have been met.

Course code

M6012

CRICOS code: 090746A

Study mode

On-campus (Caulfield) and multi-modal

Intakes

First semester: February

Second semester: June

Durations

Full time: 2 years

Part time: 4 years



"The most rewarding part of my role is the opportunity to contribute to meaningful change within my local community regarding perceptions of family violence."

Bessie Campbell

Master of Social Work graduate (2019)



WHAT DO SOCIAL WORKERS DO?

Social workers advocate for some of the most marginalised people within society and make our communities more inclusive. It's a challenging yet rewarding career, where you empower people to make change in their lives or overcome systematic disadvantages. This could be by providing counselling or coordinating care, or driving large-scale social impact for whole communities, through policy and research.

PLACEMENTS

You'll complete two 500 hour supervised placements, working with individuals, groups and communities with one of our partner organisations. We also have placements in rural and regional locations. Your placement could take you to one of Victoria's major health services, such as Monash Health or Peninsula Health, the Department of Justice and Victorian Child Protection services and non-profit organisations like Big Brother Big Sister, Anglicare, Safe Steps and Turning Point.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our course is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW), so you'll graduate as a qualified social worker, and be eligible for AASW membership. Social work has strong projected employment growth and is among the most needed roles in Australia. Work in a diverse range of settings including:

- mental health
- community and human service organisations
- child protection and youth support services
- family violence centres
- government departments
- hospitals and health care.

RESEARCH

Monash is recognised globally for research excellence. As part of the Master of Social Work, you may have the opportunity to work on a social work research project, with one of our expert supervisors. Completing this research project can be used as a pathway to a graduate research degree, such as Doctor of Philosophy.



"My coursework and placements at Monash really prepared me for my role as an alcohol and other drug (AOD) social worker. I actually landed my first job after my second placement, and started working before I graduated."

Kai Yan
Master of Social Work graduate.

LEARN MORE

For further information about the Master of Social Work, including entry requirements, fees and placements, visit monash.edu/study/course/m6012 or contact:

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