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Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

Offering professional social work experience in just two years, this degree is a practice-based discipline, promoting social change and the wellbeing of individuals.

With the opportunity to use your previous studies as a foundation, the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) (MSWQ) provides a clear path to a range of meaningful careers that make tangible contributions to society.

UOW's strong commitment to social justice and human rights ensures that graduates are equipped with the latest social work methods and research, as well as policy development abilities.

Through your studies at UOW, you will be ready to promote social change and development, and improve the lives of individuals, families and communities.

COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACES (CSPS)

Take advantage of up to 75% off your postgraduate fees at UOW in 2026, with Commonwealth supported places available for eligible domestic students. Whether you're advancing your career or pursuing a passion, there's no better time to start your postgraduate journey.

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| Duration | Subjects | Intakes | 2026 fees | Study mode |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 2 Years or part-time equivalent | 14 | Starts in March | \$19,072* | Flexible, Wollongong & Liverpool campuses |

*Total indicative course tuition fees shown is for a Commonwealth supported place in 2026. These fees are based on normal course length and progression, and are subject to change from year to year. For up-to-date information on course structure and fees, refer to the Course Handbook.

THIS DEGREE

The Master of Social Work (Qualifying) offers fresh and innovative content taught by experts in the social work field. The intensive professional experience in this degree will allow you to practice your skills with real people, in real-world situations, giving you firsthand social work experience. This experience ensures you are job-ready when graduating, making you highly attractive to employers.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The UOW Master of Social Work (Qualifying) provides a balance of skills, concepts and theory, as well as hands-on experience in professional practice.

YEAR 1

In your first year you will study foundational methods, concepts, legal and theoretical frameworks of social work followed by a substantial professional placement. Theories and methods from Australian Indigenous people and outside Australia are valued.

YEAR 2

In year two, you will study practice based subjects including health and mental health, children and families, research, working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities and professional placement.

PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The core of social work is the improvement of social health and the psychological wellbeing of individuals and communities. Social workers achieve this by drawing on social work theory, practice experiences, interdisciplinary knowledge and interprofessional practice to enhance the capacity of people to address their own needs.

- UOW social work courses actively provide practice-based learning and integration with theoretical learning in all practical subjects.
- You'll benefit from up-to-date technology and simulation labs.
- Professional experience is an integral part of our program with students undertaking 1,000 hours over two placements.
- Students will engage with people and organisations within the Illawarra, Shoalhaven and South Western Sydney regions to improve the services of the community, learn how to work collaboratively to achieve common goals, and appreciate the diversity and complexity of the region.

ACCREDITATION

The Master of Social Work (Qualifying) is an AASW provisionally accredited qualification. This accreditation is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards 2012 (ASWEAS).

All graduates of this course are eligible for membership of the AASW, which is required by many employers.



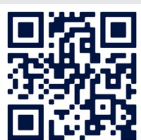
This area of study is important to me because it is a field concerned for human rights and social justice. I find this brings a tremendous sense of purpose and meaning to my studies and my career going forward.

—
Andrew
Master of Social Work

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a bachelor degree in social sciences, psychology, public health, education, nursing, or a related undergraduate qualification with at least one year of social science content (i.e. studies of the individual and society) completed in the last 10 years. If qualifications are older than 10 years, applicants may still be considered if they have current relevant work experience. English language requirement for the MSWQ is an overall IELTS score of 7.

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