

SOCIAL WORK

University courses - Victoria

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Introduction

This document has been developed to assist Year 10 - 12 Victorian domestic students and their families in researching social work courses in Victoria. Please check university websites for up-to-date information.

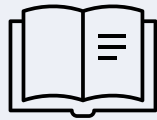
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Indicative ATAR

Please use indicative ATARs and selection ranks as a guide as they may change for future intakes.



English prerequisite

EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language, and Literature.



Undergraduate

An undergraduate qualification is usually your first course at university and can include a certificate, diploma, associate degree or bachelor degree.



Graduate

This is study you do once you have graduated from a bachelor degree. For example – master's degree.



How to become a Social Worker

This information is for courses in Victoria.

STEP 1: Secondary school studies

Study VCE subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Politics, Legal Studies, Health And Human Development, and Religion and Society.

STEP 2: complete an accredited social work degree

Complete an accredited undergraduate or graduate entry degree at one of the following institutions:

La Trobe University
Deakin University
Federation University
Victoria University
RMIT University
Australian College of Applied Professions
Monash University
The University of Melbourne

You will need to meet English language requirements, inherent requirements for participation (e.g., communication skills), and academic entry requirements for course admission.

You will also be required to meet mandatory compliance checks early in the course in the following areas:

National Police Record Check (compulsory)
Working with Children Check (compulsory)
NDIS Worker Screening Check (depends on the institution)
Immunisations (depends on the institution)

STEP 3: Registration

Apply to register with the Australian Society of Social Workers ([ASSW](#))

Further study and training

Undertake further study and training to improve your skills and competence and undertake regular professional development. With further study and training you may be eligible to be recognised for your specialist skills through achieving a 'credential' from the ASSW in one or more of the following areas:

Family Violence, Mental Health, Child Protection, Disability, Clinical, Schools, Older Persons, and Supervisor.

What ATAR will I need?

When it comes to the ATAR, there are three ways you can gain direct entry into an undergraduate entry social work degree in Victoria – achieving a selection rank above the lowest rank for the relevant intake, achieving above the guaranteed ATAR, or receiving a place in an early entry program that removes the ATAR requirement for course entry.

SELECTION RANK

Universities use the 'selection rank' when assessing course applications.

The selection rank is your ATAR plus any adjustment factors taken into consideration by the university (e.g., equity and academic adjustments).

Adjustment factors are added to your combined study scores (VCE aggregate) and your ATAR is re-ranked.

Your selection rank will be different for each course at each university as each institute uses their own adjustment programs.

You won't know what your selection rank is, but you'll need to achieve a rank above the 'lowest selection rank' for the relevant intake year.

Learn about the selection rank and ATAR profiles via this [video](#).

GUARANTEED ATAR

The following universities have a 'guaranteed ATAR' program.

The guaranteed ATARs for social work listed below are relevant for the 2024 intake and may change for the 2025 intake.

La Trobe University

[Aspire Community Contribution Program](#)

Regional campuses – 50
Melbourne campus – 50

[Regional Benefits Program*](#)

Regional campuses – 80

Federation University

[Guaranteed ATAR Program](#)

Gippsland – 50

*Note – this program is only available to eligible applicants.

NO ATAR

La Trobe University

[Aspire Year 11 Conditional Entry](#)

Selection: Year 11 grades and a school endorsement form.

Successful applicants will no longer require an ATAR score to be eligible for an offer into the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) at the university.

Course summary

The following two page lists the social work courses you can apply for at Victorian institutes.

The rest of the document will give information about the courses at each university.

LA (Lowest ATAR)

Lowest ATAR to receive entry into the course excluding any adjustment factors for the 2024 January intake (VTAC applicants).

LSR (Lowest Selection Rank)

Lowest selection rank inclusive of ATAR + adjustment factors to receive entry into the course for the 2024 January intake (VTAC applicants).

L/N

Not published: lowest ATAR for the 2024 January intake.

SOCIAL WORK – UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

University	Course	Campus	LA	LSR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Albury-Wodonga	L/N	L/N
		Bendigo	46.35	58.35
		Melbourne	42.30	56.55
		Mildura	49.55	62.90
		Shepparton	L/N	L/N
	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) (First Nations Australian Entry)	Albury-Wodonga	L/N	L/N
		Bendigo	L/N	L/N
		Mildura	L/N	L/N
Deakin University	Bachelor of Social Work	Geelong Waterfront	54.00	66.00
		Warrnambool	L/N	L/N
		Cloud	57.00	67.75
	Bachelor of Social Work (Regional and Remote)	Geelong Waterfront	56.00	63.20
		Warrnambool	L/N	L/N
Victoria University	Bachelor of Social Work	Footscray Nicholson	ATAR not required.	
RMIT University	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Melbourne City	53.85	68.05
	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) / Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)	Melbourne City	52.50	70.30
Federation University	Bachelor of Social Work	Gippsland – Churchill	50	L/N
		Gippsland – Flexible Delivery	50	L/N
Australian College of Applied Professions	Bachelor of Social Work	Melbourne	ATAR not required.	

SOCIAL WORK – GRADUATE ENTRY

Year 12 students can't apply directly for these courses. You will need to complete a bachelor degree first.

University	Course	Campus
Deakin University	Master of Social Work	Cloud
RMIT University	Master of Social Work	Melbourne City
The University of Melbourne	Master of Social Work	Parkville
Monash University	Master of Social Work	Caulfield Online
Federation University	Master of Social Work (Qualifying) Master of Social Work (Qualifying) (Children and Families)	Ballarat – Mt Helen Berwick
Australian College of Applied Professions	Master of Social Work (Qualifying)	Melbourne



La Trobe's Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) gives you the clinical knowledge and hands-on skills to make a difference by helping others to thrive. You'll learn from world-renowned academics about promoting human rights and the importance of social justice. Our diverse range of subjects provide a strong foundation in psychology, sociology, human rights, social justice and relationship skills. You'll gain real-world experience in social work through placements in hospitals and leading health and welfare organisations, and graduate with the skills, experience and confidence you need to succeed.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

As a social worker, you'll provide support and assistance to people and families in need. La Trobe's Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) gives you the clinical knowledge and hands-on skills to launch your career. You'll learn from world-renowned academics about promoting human rights and the importance of social justice. Our diverse range of subjects provide foundations in both psychology and sociology.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Two 14-week placements enable you to put your knowledge and skills into practice and gain professional experience within leading health and welfare organisations in Victoria. We have an extensive network of prospective employers in Australia and overseas, which offers a greater diversity of practical work placement as part of the course - we have community services partners in the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia and across Europe.

GRADUATE ENTRY

Master of Social Work

La Trobe offers an accredited social work degree at the graduate level. The following is the pathway into the course.

Step 1

Successful completion of an Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent).
Specialisation - recommended: studies in arts, social sciences, psychology, teaching, nursing or business-related areas. Achieve a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 60%.

Step 2

Apply for the 2-year Master of Social Work at the Melbourne campus. Read about the course [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) and the Master of Social Work have provisional accreditation from The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). It is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

FIRST NATIONS AUSTRALIAN ENTRY

This is an alternative entry into the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) for applicants who are First Nations Australian. Choose the 'First Nation Australian' tagged course via VTAC.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#).

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	A study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Melbourne Bendigo Albury-Wodonga Mildura Shepparton
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) (First Nations Australian Entry)	As above.	Bendigo Albury-Wodonga Mildura Shepparton

PATHWAYS

The following are examples of pathways into the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours).

Via a La Trobe University Diploma course

STEP 1: Diploma in Rural Health

Complete the 1-year Diploma in Rural Health at one of the regional La Trobe campuses.

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Apply for the 4-year degree.

Via higher education studies

STEP 1: First year of a degree

Complete the first year of the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Psychological Science at La Trobe.

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Apply for the 4-year degree.

Via a VET Pathway

STEP 1: Diploma of Community Services

Complete the Diploma of Community Services at a Registered Training Organisation such as a TAFE.

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Apply for the 4-year degree. You may be eligible to gain credit for the first year of the degree.

BOOST YOUR SELECTION RANK!

If eligible, La Trobe will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. For example, your ATAR might be 60 but after adjustment factors are added, your selection rank might be 72.5. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following.

Subject adjustments

Applicants can receive a maximum of 10 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were: any Humanities, any Mathematics, Physical Education, any Science, and LOTE. Adjustments for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

Priority Access Program

Adjustment factors are awarded to applicants who fall within any of the following categories: priority school (5), priority campus (5), regional school (5). The maximum adjustment factors applicants can receive overall and across all categories is 15.

Read about the program [here](#). Note – the Priority Access Program is undergoing a review for the 2025 intake.

Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Applicants can receive a maximum of 10 adjustment factors for disadvantage that has impacted their education. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July – 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences.

Elite Athlete ATAR Adjustment

Applicants can receive up to 5 aggregate adjustments. Click [here](#) for information.

Rural and Regional Student Access Scheme (RRSAS)

Students residing in an area classified as RA2 or higher are eligible for the following adjustments:

Regional students applying to courses at the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus will receive 5 aggregate points.

Regional students applying to courses at Bendigo, Albury Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton will receive 10 aggregate points.

Click [here](#) for information.

ATAR FREE EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Applications for the [Year 11 Conditional Entry](#) stream of the Aspire Early Entry Program will open on 15 April and close on 6 September 2024. Selection is based on your Year 11 grades and a school endorsement. Successful applicants will receive a conditional 'ATAR free' offer.

To receive a formal offer, applicants will need to complete Year 12, meet course prerequisites, and preference the course in their VTAC account correctly.

GUARANTEED ATAR PROGRAMS

The following programs provide a guaranteed ATAR for The Bachelor of Social Work (Honours). Note: the ATARs listed below are relevant for the 2024 intake and may change for the 2025 intake.

La Trobe Aspire Early Entry Program

Applications for the [Community Contribution](#) stream of the Aspire Early Entry Program will open on 15 April and close on 6 September 2024. Selection is based on a statement about your community service, volunteering, or leadership. Successful applicants will unlock an 'Aspire ATAR' of 50 for the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours).

Regional Benefits Program

This [program](#) is for students who study at a regional school and is applicable to the social work degree at regional campuses. The guaranteed ATAR is 80. You will be automatically considered for the program once you apply for the course via VTAC or UAC.

FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

Semester 1

Being a Social Worker
Society and Culture: Introduction to Sociology
Rural Community Engagement
Introductory Psychology: Brain and Mind.

Semester 2

Social Work in a Political Context
Health and Wellbeing of People with Developmental Disabilities.
Reflective Communication and Social Work
Introductory Psychology: People and Culture.



We adopt an eco-systems and empowerment approach, working with and for communities, to bring about positive changes in the natural, built, and social environments. Whatever your background, we will prepare you to work across human and community services in government bodies, non-government organisations, community and health services, and more.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Social Work

Are you passionate about improving the lives of children and families and helping to build strong communities for current and future generations? Work closely with communities to provide counselling and support services and be an advocate for social justice and human rights. Make a real difference to the lives of people in need and build strong communities. Excel in your career in one of the fastest growing professions.

Clinical Experience

During your 140 days of placement, you'll be exposed to challenging real-life situations in social work settings. Experienced professionals in the field will support you every step of the way. You'll become confident working with children and families, people of diverse cultural backgrounds and gender diversity. You will learn to work effectively with people with substance use issues and mental health problems and in palliative care, child protection, youth services and much more.

GRADUATE ENTRY

FedUni offers two accredited social work degrees at the graduate level:

Master of Social Work (Qualifying)
Master of Social Work (Qualifying) (Children and Families).

The following is the pathway for both courses.

Step 1

Successful completion of a relevant bachelor degree (or equivalent) with at least one year of study, or the equivalent of full time studies in social and behavioural sciences OR successful completion of a related Bachelor degree with four relevant courses (equal to 0.5 EFTSL) and successful completion of an Australian Graduate Certificate in Social and Community Services.

Step 2

Apply for either of the 2-year graduate entry Social Work courses.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Social Work has provisional accreditation with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). Both graduate entry programs are accredited with AASW.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

Semester 1

Introduction to Social Work, Community and Human Services.
The Sociological Imagination.
Electives x 2.

Semester 2

Interpersonal Communication for Professional Practice.
Theories and Models for Practice.
Introduction to Indigenous Australia.
Elective.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Bachelor of Social Work	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English.	Gippsland - Churchill Flexible Delivery - Gippsland

PATHWAY

The following is an example of a pathway into the Bachelor of Social Work. Note: this is not a guaranteed pathway.

STEP 1: VET pathway

Complete the 12-month Certificate IV in Community Services or 2-year Diploma of Community Services at a Registered Training Organisation such as Federation University.

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work

Apply for the social work degree. You will need to meet English language requirements.

SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, FedUni will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. For example, your ATAR might be 60 but after adjustment factors are added, your selection rank might be 68. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following.

Subject adjustments

Applicants can receive up to 5 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were: Humanities, Literature, Media, Philosophy and Psychology. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

Access and Equity Scheme

Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS). Applicants apply for SEAS after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences. Across the four SEAS categories Federation University will award a maximum adjustment of 15 aggregate points per applicant. Applications will open on 29 July and close on 11 October 2024.

The following are examples of adjustments and the maximum aggregate per category:

Category 1: Personal Information and Location

- Indigenous applicants: 15
- Living or school postcode: 10
- Under-represented school: 10
- First in family to attend uni: 5
- Non-English speaking background: 5

Category 2: Financial Disadvantage

- Up to 10 adjustments

Category 3: Disability or Medical Condition

- Up to 10 adjustments

Category 4: Difficult Circumstances

- Up to 10 adjustments.

GUARANTEED ATAR

The [guaranteed ATAR](#) for the Bachelor of Social Work at FedUni is 50.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Applications for the [Early Offer](#) program are now open and will close on 1 December. Selection is based on an online application. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer for the course.

To receive a formal offer, applicants will need to complete Year 12, meet course prerequisites, achieve an ATAR of at least 50, and preference the course in their VTAC account correctly.



Gain the knowledge and skills to enhance the wellbeing of others through an understanding of policy, socioeconomic factors and social equity issues. With a fully accredited social work degree from Deakin, you'll graduate ready to handle real-world challenges with confidence.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Social Work

Passionate about human rights and have a strong sense of social justice? Deakin's fully accredited Bachelor of Social Work will equip you to enhance the wellbeing of others through an understanding of policy, socioeconomic factors and social equity issues.

Social workers are in high demand with job opportunities expected to grow by 23.2% by 2026. Graduate career-ready with the skills to work effectively with individuals, families and communities to address key factors causing inequality.

With an emphasis on progressive, student-centred teaching practices, you will learn the latest approaches to enable social change and improve the lives of others. You will gain invaluable hands-on experience with 1000 hours of practice education placements in a variety of communities and workplaces in online, metropolitan, regional or rural settings, ensuring you gain multiple perspectives.

GRADUATE ENTRY

Master of Social Work

Deakin offers an accredited social work degree at the graduate level. The following is the pathway into the course.

Step 1

Successful completion of a bachelor degree in a related discipline, including two units in the study of human behaviour and two units in the study of society.

Step 2

Apply for the 2-year Master of Social Work.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Deakin's undergraduate and graduate entry social work courses are accredited with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS

Applicants can apply for the Bachelor of Social Work through the NIKERI Institute. Click [here](#) for information.

MINIMUM ATAR

Applicants must achieve a minimum ATAR of 50 to be eligible for direct entry into this course.

HONOURS

High achieving students may be able to transfer into Honours in fourth year.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Bachelor of Social Work	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront Warrnambool Online
Bachelor of Social Work (Regional and Remote Entry)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront Warrnambool Online

PATHWAY EXAMPLES

The following are pathway options if you haven't met the requirements for direct entry into the course. Note – successfully completing one of the following pathway options will support your Deakin application but won't guarantee entry. You should boost your application with details of your study results, your resume/CV, a personal statement, and/or any other supporting documentation.

Via a VET pathway – qualification from a Deakin partner

STEP 1: Diploma

Complete one of the following Diplomas from a Deakin VET partner institute:

Diploma course

Community Services
Mental Health
Counselling
Youth Work

Deakin partner RTOs:

Bendigo TAFE
Box Hill Institute
Chisholm Institute
Kangan Institute
TAFE NSW
South West TAFE
The Gordon.

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work

Apply for the Bachelor of Social Work.

Via a higher education pathway

STEP 1: First year of a bachelor degree

Complete the first year of one of the following courses at Deakin:

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Health Sciences

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work

Apply for the Bachelor of Social Work. Selection will be made on your academic results and meeting English language requirements.

SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, Deakin will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. For example, your ATAR might be 60 but after adjustment factors are added, your selection rank might be 72. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following.

Subject Bonus Points

Applicants can receive up to 10 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were Health And Human Development, any Humanities, any LOTE, and Psychology. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Applicants can receive adjustment points for short or long-term disadvantage. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July – 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences. Examples of adjustments and the maximum aggregate include:

Category 1: Personal Information and Location

- Indigenous applicants: 15
- Regional or remote student: 10
- Under-represented school: 10
- Non-English speaking background: 5

Category 2: Financial Disadvantage

- Up to 10 adjustments

Category 3: Disability or Medical Condition

- Up to 10 adjustments

Category 4: Difficult Circumstances

- 2019/2020 bushfires: up to 10 adjustments
- Other difficult circumstances: up to 10 adjustments.

Elite Athlete and Performers Adjustment Scheme

Eligible applicants will receive up to 5 adjustment points. Click [here](#) for information.

Regional and Remote Entry Scheme

Through this scheme, applicants who live in an eligible location will be eligible for up to 10 aggregate points towards their selection rank. Choose the 'Regional and Remote' tagged course via VTAC. Click [here](#)

Under-represented Discipline

Men applying for the Bachelor of Social Work are eligible to receive additional consideration. Apply via SEAS Category 1.

FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

Semester 1

Introduction to Aboriginal Studies.
Introduction to Sociology: the Sociological Imagination.
Understanding Health.
Introduction to Social Work: Social Work Theory and Practice A.

Semester 2

Introduction to Sociology: the Sociology of Everyday Life.
Theories for Social Work Practice: Social Work Theory and Practice B
Social Work Methods in Context: Social Work Theory and Practice C.
Health Psychology (Behaviour Change) or Introduction to Psychology (Human Behaviour).



Make a real difference in a rewarding career with a Bachelor of Social Work from Victoria University (VU). Gain the skills and knowledge to develop the potential of individuals, groups and communities, preparing you for a diverse range of job opportunities from federal and state government to hospitals, non-government organisations or community services.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Social Work

Build on your passion for human rights, social justice and social development with an in-depth understanding of:

interpersonal and group work
community development
family violence
mental health
policy analysis
social research
social action.

You will benefit from opportunities to gain on-the-ground experience in a diverse range of settings that align with your areas of passion and interest, whether that be education, health, aged care, child and family services.

Industry experience

You will complete 1000 hours of work-integrated learning in two placements. You will engage in practice-based learning opportunities essential to developing your professional practice, under the close supervision and support of social workers.

FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

Semester 1

Introduction to Sociology
Aboriginal Traditions and Policy
Applied Human Rights
Working in Human Service Organisations.

Semester 2

Introduction to Social Work
Foundations of Social Science Research
Introduction to Public Health and Wellness
Interpersonal Skills and Communication.

PATHWAY

The following is a guaranteed pathway into the Bachelor of Social Work.

STEP 1: Diploma of Community Services

Complete the 1.5-year Diploma of Community Services at Victoria University Polytechnic.

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work

Apply for the Bachelor of Social Work. You may receive credit for up to 8 subjects.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Social Work is accredited with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

VU MOONDANI BALLUK ABORIGINAL ADMISSION PROGRAM

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students may be able to apply for social work via this [program](#). Fill out the application form [here](#) and Moondani Balluk staff will contact you with information.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Applications for the [VU Guaranteed](#) program will open later in the year. Selection is based on answers to four questions.

VU BLOCK MODEL

[VU Block Model](#): revolutionary way of learning and teaching unique to VU.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
Bachelor of Social Work	Study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Footscray Park

Note: you do not need an ATAR score for entry into this course.



Do you want to work with people? Are you passionate about human rights and social justice? Social workers promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities. They apply their interdisciplinary knowledge about Australian society, social problems and human needs to foster social change and transform lives.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Graduates are resilient, outspoken members of society who advocate a fairer world for all. In your Honours year, you will have the opportunity to pursue a topic on interest in more depth through a traditional thesis or capstone project.

You will study subjects including social work, social science and research. Field education forms a large component of the social work degree. You'll undertake 140 days of work placements within human service and community service organisations.

In the second semester of the third and fourth years you'll undertake two 70-day placements, usually within human service and community service organisations. Placement in third year focuses on direct practice with individuals, families and small groups. The fourth-year placement involves the integration of theory and macro-level practice.

GRADUATE ENTRY

Master of Social Work

RMIT offers an accredited social work degree at the graduate level. The following is the pathway into the course.

Step 1

You must have successfully completed an Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent overseas qualification) that includes at least one year of full-time studies in social sciences (or equivalent). You must also meet the University's English language requirements.

Step 2

Apply for the 2-year Master of Social Work.

INDIGENOUS ACCESS PROGRAM

If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander through VTAC, you will be invited by the Ngarara Willim Centre at RMIT to take part in an interview. You may receive an offer based on your potential to succeed. Click [here](#).

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Currently, the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) isn't eligible for the RMIT Early Offer program.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Social Work is accredited with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

DOUBLE DEGREE

Applicants can apply for the five-year Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) / Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology). This is the only social work double degree in Victoria.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#).

Course	Units 3 and 4 VCE subjects	Campus
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Prerequisite: minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne City
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) / Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)	Prerequisite: minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne City

PATHWAY

The following is a guaranteed pathway into the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) .

STEP 1: Diploma of Community Services

Complete the 1.5-year Diploma of Community Services at RMIT University.

STEP 2: Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Apply for the four-year Bachelor of Social Work (Honours).

SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, RMIT will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following. Note - if you're eligible for multiple initiatives, the maximum aggregate adjustments you can be awarded is 28.

Subject Bonus Points

Applicants can receive up to 8 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were English, English Language, Literature, and English as an Additional Language. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

Regional Adjustments

For VTAC applicants, the adjustment you can receive is derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data and whether your address ranks as low, medium, or high-SES based on the ABS's Statistical Area 1 (SA1) measure. If your address is classified as LOW, you will receive an adjustment of 5 aggregate points.

Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Applicants can receive up to 16 adjustment points for short or long-term disadvantage. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July – 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences.

Schools Network Access Program (SNAP)

This scheme is only for partner schools. Applications are made via SEAS.

Read about the above programs via this [link](#).

RMIT Elite Athlete Program

Eligible applicants will receive up to 10 adjustment points. Click [here](#) for information.

FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

Semester 1

Australian Society in a Global Context
History and Trends in Social Work
Sustainable Futures
Power and Governance.

Semester 2

Ethics and Reflexive Practice
Social Work Practice
Self, Identity and Agency
Intercultural Communication.

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF APPLIED PROFESSIONS



You're passionate, you see the opportunities and you want to make a positive difference in your community. Our Bachelor of Social Work gives you deep insight into why we behave the way we do and strategies to help guide people in need.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Social Work

Your passion for helping others will pave the way for many rewarding health and welfare career paths, where demand continues to grow.

Industry experience

It is a requirement of this course for students to complete two field education placements totalling 1,000 hours, helping you graduate with applied skills. The accrediting body may have additional requirements, including minimum English language, to meet professional accreditation standards. For more information on meeting those requirements visit aasw.asn.au.

GRADUATE ENTRY

Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

ACAP offers an accredited social work degree at the graduate level. The following is the pathway into the course.

Step 1

Successful completion of a cognate Undergraduate Award and a written statement of 500 words outlining your interest in studying social work/human service work.

Step 2

Apply for the 2-year Master of Social Work (Qualifying).

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Social Work and the Master of Social Work (Qualifying) are accredited with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

FEES

Note – this is a full fee paying course. FEE-HELP is available to eligible applicants.

FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

Semester 1

Introduction to Social Work
Introduction to Contemporary Society
Applications in Context
Social Work Theories.

Semester 2

Personal, Professional and Global
Sustainability
Professional Practice 1
Foundational Psychological Processes.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisite	Campus
Bachelor of Social Work	Successful completion of Senior Secondary Education or a Certificate IV qualification.	Melbourne



The Master of Social Work degree is a graduate-entry degree, providing graduates with the knowledge, skills and professional experience required to work as qualified social workers.

GRADUATE ENTRY

Master of Social Work

Our Master of Social Work in Australia or online prepares you as a work-ready, qualified social worker in two years, and gives you the skills and practical experience to drive change, advocate for individuals, families and communities.

Social work is a hands-on, people-focused profession and we apply this approach to our teaching. As a postgraduate social work student, you'll start thinking like a social worker from day one of your degree with an early focus on developing the essential skills, such as interviewing, counselling and collaborative decision-making.

Industry experience

In our course, you learn by doing - whether that's practising your assessment skills with actors or applying your knowledge to a case study in an interactive workshop. You'll also gain professional experience by completing two 500-hour supervised placements, working with real clients at one of our partner organisations.

Career opportunities

With a Monash degree in social work, you will be ready to practice in a range of settings, and work with people of all ages and backgrounds. Social workers are in-demand and it's a career with strong projected employment growth.

Our course prepares you for the diverse career opportunities in social work. You can work in hospitals, mental health programs, government departments, community, human service and non-profit organisations.

You may choose to specialise in working with specific populations - such as young people, victims of family violence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or LGBTQI communities or those affected by addiction. You can also choose to drive change on a large-scale, with roles in policy or research.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Master of Social Work is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). Following successful completion of this course, you'll graduate as a qualified social worker and be eligible for membership with the AASW.

HOW TO APPLY

You must complete a bachelor degree before you can apply for the Masters program. Applications for undergraduate courses open via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisite	Campus
Master of Social Work	An Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent) with at least a credit (60%) average and at least one year of full-time studies in the social and behavioural sciences. OR a master's program with at least a pass (50%) average which qualifies graduates to register and practice in Allied Health, Education, Medicine or Nursing.	Caulfield Online

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE



The Master of Social Work at the University of Melbourne offers an outstanding graduate course of study. You will benefit from our research-led teaching, based on up-to-date data allowing you to apply the most relevant theory to your social work practice.

GRADUATE ENTRY

Master of Social Work

A master's degree in social work is a portable qualification, enabling you to work nationally or internationally.

The course is led by highly qualified, experienced, research-active and accessible experts in the field, with strong ties to the profession and community services. Their expertise encompasses specialist knowledge in particular fields of practice including: mental health, child and family practice, health, ageing and substance abuse.

We give you strong research preparation through specific skill development in social work research. This is important in teaching you to utilise current research to inform your practice and as preparation for research studies.

You will undertake a specialist elective in the final semester. Throughout the degree you will find special areas of social work that interest you. You can follow these up more closely by undertaking a specialist elective in:

- Health
- Psychiatric disability
- Group work
- Aged care
- Child and family
- Social policy or mental health

The course offers mixed teaching methods: lectures, tutorials, seminars, collaborative learning and practice simulations. This ensures a rich and diverse learning environment, and is inclusive of all students. Our specially designed interview simulation rooms allow you to practice and review your skills in a safe environment before commencing your field placements.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

This is one of the first masters degrees accredited nationally by the [Australian Association of Social Workers \(AASW\)](#) and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS).

HOW TO APPLY

You must complete a bachelor degree before you can apply for the masters program. Applications for undergraduate courses open via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisite	Campus
Master of Social Work	<p>An undergraduate degree (or equivalent) with at least one year of full-time studies in social sciences (or equivalent), with studies to have been completed within 10 years of commencing this course.</p> <p>A current curriculum vitae (CV) that details your education, workplace experience, and other relevant skills and training.</p> <p>Contact details for a professional referee.</p>	Parkville