

# MC-SOCW Master of Social Work

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2014 - Parkville																				
<b>CRICOS Code:</b>	061212E																				
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>																				
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate																				
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	225 credit points taken over 24 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.																				
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The Master of Social Work offers you an outstanding postgraduate course of study, preparing you for professional practice in a diverse range of social work contexts. The course provides you with a nationally and internationally benchmarked course of study in the theory and practice of social work. On completion you will be eligible to apply for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).</p> <p><b>This is an AASW-accredited qualification. It is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS).</b></p>																				
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>The MSW degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Prepares students for professional social work practice in a diverse range of contexts;</li> <li># Provides students with foundational theories informing social work practice;</li> <li># Introduces students to the methods of social work practice, including casework, counselling, groupwork, community development, policy and research;</li> <li># Introduces students to the fields of social work practice, including child and family, health and mental health;</li> <li># Immerses students in practice through the two 70 day fieldwork placements;</li> <li># Provides a pathway for graduates wanting to pursue doctoral study.</li> </ul>																				
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	The Master of Social Work comprises 225 credit point, on-campus, coursework degree, with a field placement component.																				
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SCWK90049 Supervised Field Placement 1B	January, April, July, October	12.50
SCWK90054 Assessing Risk and Vulnerability	September	12.50
SCWK50001 Researching Social Work Practice 1	September	12.50
SCWK90055 Legal and Ethical Contexts of Practice	September	12.50
SCWK90063 Social Work Practice: Indigenous Peoples	September	12.50

### Second Year

The following subjects, plus an elective subject in semester 2.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SCWK90059 Engaging with Families	February	12.50
SCWK90057 Working with Groups and Communities	February	12.50
SCWK90058 Researching Social Work Practice 2	Year Long	12.50
SCWK90050 Supervised Field Placement 2A	February, May, September, November	12.50
SCWK90051 Supervised Field Placement 2B	January, April, July, October	12.50
SCWK50010 Working in Human Service Organisations	Not offered 2014	12.50
SCWK90056 Program Planning and Evaluation	September	12.50
SCWK90058 Researching Social Work Practice 2	Year Long	12.50

### Second Year Elective Subjects

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SCWK90039 Child and Family Social Work	September	12.50
SCWK90038 Social Work Practice: Mental Health	September	12.50
SCWK90031 Social Work Practice: Health	Not offered 2014	12.50

#### Entry Requirements:

#### Master of Social Work (225 points)

The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue the course successfully using the following criteria –

- # an undergraduate degree with one year of full-time studies in social sciences, or equivalent; and
- # at least 40 hours of documented relevant work experience; and
- # a statement of up to 500 words by the applicant and
- # a professional referee report

The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and may call for referee reports and employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

Note: Relevant work experience may be paid or unpaid, and may be full-time or parttime, but for part-time experience, at least 40 hours should normally have been obtained in a single three-month period.

Note: Applicants who need to satisfy the University's English language requirements via the IELTS (International English Language Testing System: Academic English only) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must meet one of the following standards:

- # IELTS (Academic English only) 7.0 (with no band less than 7.0)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># TOEFL (paper-based test) 600 = TWE 5.0</li> <li># TOEFL (computer-based test) 250 = 5.0 essay rating</li> <li># TOEFL (internet-based test) 100 and no band less than 24</li> </ul>
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's courses. This course requires all students to enrol in subjects where they must actively and safely contribute to clinical/field work activities. Students who think their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
<b>Further Study:</b>	Graduates may progress to a range of other graduate programs including the Master of Advanced Social Work (Research), Master of Philosophy or the Doctor of Philosophy.
<b>Graduate Attributes:</b>	Through the theoretical and practical curricula of the MSW degree, its graduates will be professional social workers who are academically excellent, knowledgeable across disciplines, leaders in communities, attuned to cultural diversity, and active global citizens.
<b>Professional Accreditation:</b>	This is an Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)-accredited qualification. It is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS).
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>The MSW aims to offer its students an outstanding postgraduate course of study, preparing students for professional practice in a diverse range of social work contexts. The course provides students with a nationally and internationally benchmarked course of study, in the theory and practice of social work.</p> <p>Graduates of the MSW degree will be expected to develop advanced generic skills in the areas of critical thinking, communication and research.</p>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/</a>
<b>Notes:</b>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <p>As a student of the Master of Social Work you will benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># a curriculum approved by the Australian Association of Social Workers;</li> <li># well-qualified, experienced, research-active and accessible teachers, with strong ties to the profession and community services;</li> <li># mixed teaching methods: lectures; tutorials; seminars; collaborative learning; practice simulations;</li> <li># a well-developed field education program, including several student units in key agencies in the health, aging, child and family, drug and alcohol and women's services;</li> <li># good coverage of particular fields of practice such as: mental health; child and family practice; health; aging; substance abuse;</li> <li># excellent student facilities and the backing of a well-resourced major university;</li> <li># the excellent employment record for our graduates in a wide range of fields and job descriptions;</li> <li># a diverse and talented population of students at entry-to-practice, advanced practice and research levels</li> </ul>