Some reasons for studying Social Work at CSU:

- CSU's course is accredited with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and is an entry qualification into the social work profession
- you will gain plenty of hands-on experience through 1,000 hours of supervised field education
- this course is available on campus at CSU's Wagga Wagga Campus or by flexible distance education
- social work is a rewarding field providing opportunities for you to give back to the community and pursue your passion for helping others.

Why study Social Work?

If you want to pursue a rewarding career where you can give back to your community and assist in improving the quality of life for others, a career in social work could be for you.

The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance wellbeing. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the point where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work. It involves roles in social welfare and social work agencies and can include work in policy and research areas, where social workers make a real individual and systemic difference. Social workers have good and varied career prospects with mobility of employment vocationally and geographically.

What are CSU’s Bachelor of Social Work?

At CSU, there are several pathways to gaining a social work degree and the pathway you take depends on where and how you want to study, as well as your educational background. Our Bachelor of Social Work is available full-time over four years on campus at Wagga Wagga and by distance education over four years full-time or eight years part-time.

Career opportunities

Social workers work at the interface between people and their environments, and are found in a range of settings from hospitals to local councils, social welfare agencies, or within their own businesses. Graduates of this course work professionally as social workers in government and non-government departments, with individuals, groups and communities, in emergency situations and long-term care. A growing number of social work graduates offer clinical services, education and consultation on a fee-for-service basis. Career opportunities include:

- case management
- family work and rehabilitation
- individual and group social counselling
- health, community services and corrections
- social administration and policy formation
- social action and program planning.

Professional recognition

CSU's Bachelor of Social Work 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).
What will I study?

Social work is about thinking, doing and being. Students will learn about people, communities, groups, social structures, how to think, and how to respond to need and opportunity. This course includes areas such as child protection, cross-cultural and Indigenous studies, ethics, human rights, law, mental health, psychology, social policy, sociology and in-depth study of the methods and theories of social work.

Students will develop strong practical skills and hands-on learning through 1,000 hours of placement, preparing them for their social work career with opportunities to observe, question and model social work behaviour.

Credit

Credit for prior study will be determined on a case-by-case basis. No credit will be given for certificate level or bridging programs.

A completed TAFE Diploma of Community Services (Welfare) will attract credit for eight subjects (as per AASW guidelines).

Social workers with overseas qualifications may be eligible to complete course requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work in less time. Applicants may be required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language which is evidenced by an Academic IELTS (International English Language Testing System) overall score of at least 6.0, and with no score below 5.5.

Australian residents with overseas social work qualifications should have their qualifications assessed by the Australian Association of Social Workers in the first instance. For further information, phone the AASW: 02 6273 0199.

Further information

For more information about CSU's Bachelor of Social Work or to apply, visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/social_work_wagga

“It was love at first sight as I embarked on a Social Work degree at Charles Sturt University. I am happy to say that by the end of my time at CSU 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