Curious about...

Bachelor of Social Work
TAFE integrated programs

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, then a career in social work could be for you.

Social work is the profession committed to the pursuit of social justice, enhancement of the quality of life, and the development of the full potential of individuals, groups and communities. 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 – TAFE integrated programs?
CSU’s Bachelor of Social Work – TAFE integrated programs allow students to complete TAFE and university study at the same time. Programs are available at Dubbo and Port Macquarie in partnership with TAFE Western and North Coast TAFE. The programs are typically suited to school leavers, those interested in changing careers, or those who work in the industry but have limited formal study.

Graduates of these programs will receive Certificate IV in Community Services Work and the Diploma of Community Services Work in addition to their degree.

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

TAFE integrated program at Port Macquarie
During the first year of the course, students will complete Certificate IV in Community Services Work through North Coast TAFE, as well as beginning the CSU component of the course. Students will build on this to complete the Diploma of Community Services Work in the second year of study. In the third and fourth years, all study is completed through CSU.

Students will complete the CSU components of this course on campus at CSU’s Port Macquarie Campus, and the TAFE components at North Coast TAFE in Port Macquarie. In order to meet the requirements of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW), students must complete 1,000 hours of supervised field education.

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TAFE integrated program at Dubbo

CSU’s Bachelor of Social Work offered through the Dubbo Campus is a co-enrolment with TAFE Western, providing graduates with skills to work in a wide range of social welfare agencies. The course is delivered on campus at CSU and TAFE over four years of full-time study.

Credit for a maximum of eight subjects is offered to students who have completed the TAFE Diploma of Community Welfare Work (CHC507). In order to meet the requirements of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW), students must complete 1,000 hours of supervised field education.

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.

Professional recognition

CSU’s Bachelor of Social Work is a nationally accredited and registered award in tertiary education. It has full accreditation with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Further information

For more information about CSU’s Bachelor of Social Work - TAFE integrated program or to apply, visit:

Dubbo - www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/social_work_dubbo

Port Macquarie - www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/social_work_pm_int

“...are not just teachers and I often find myself stopping for a chat. The student liaison officers and teachers are always willing to answer any questions and are very approachable. There is a feeling of closeness and connectedness on campus.”

Kate Tremble
Bachelor of Social Work