Master of Child and Adolescent Welfare

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The Master of Child and Adolescent Welfare is designed for human service practitioners and promotes the ability to display a child centred approach to all practice and policy that deals with children and adolescents. To exercise critical judgement on behalf of the child in relation to options and alternatives in the care of children and adolescents. To critically evaluate policies in relation to the needs of children and adolescents, use research evidence to inform both practice and policy in relation to children and adolescents and to demonstrate an appreciation of ethical practice and skills of team leadership in the context of child and adolescent welfare.

The course includes the following awards:

Master of Child and Adolescent Welfare MChild&AdolesWelf

Course Study Modes and Locations

Master of Child and Adolescent Welfare (1715CA)

Online - Wagga Wagga

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

Normal course duration

Master of Child and Adolescent Welfare

Full-time 1.5 years (3.0 sessions)

Part-time 3.0 years (6.0 sessions)

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

Admission criteria
CSU Admission Policy

Applicants for the Master of Child and Adolescent Welfare must meet the following admission requirements:

A Bachelor degree (or AQF equivalent) in human services, child and adolescent welfare, social work, social welfare, social sciences, education, health or related areas; OR

A Graduate Certificate in Human Services

English Language Proficiency

Standard English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements. Refer to http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/apply/english-language for the specific requirements. This will apply to both domestic and international applicants. Offer may be conditional on ELP but applicants will be required to provide evidence of meeting these requirements before the start of studies.

Credit

CSU Credit Policy

Completion (within the last 10 years) of subjects at Postgraduate Degree level, or equivalent, at a recognised tertiary institution may be eligible for credit points. Students can get up to a maximum of six (6) subjects or 48 points awarded towards this degree. Students with experience in the field can gain credits for prior learning to a maximum of one (1) subject, excluding students who are enrolled in the Practice Strand. Applicants that have completed the Graduate Certificate in Human Services and Graduate Certificate in Human Services (Child and Adolescent Welfare) and have substantial relevant work experience (equivalent to 5 years full time) are eligible for admission into the Masters Degree.

Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 96 points.

Course Structure

To graduate with the Master of Child and Adolescent Welfare students must complete 96 points, consisting of 4 core subjects (32 points) and strand-specific core subjects (plus in some cases, a restricted elective) to the value of 64 points from either the Practice, Coursework or Research/Dissertation strand. Subjects have a value of 8 points unless otherwise stated.

CORE SUBJECTS

ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513  Understanding Children from Adversity
SWK504  Human Services Research Methods

RESTRICTED ELECTIVES
HCS510  Social Work and Mental Health Practice
PHL502  Law Ethics and Human Rights
SPE502  Social Work and Social Policy Practice
SWK414  International Social Development
WEL420  Working in Child Protection
WEL426  Holistic Eco-Social Approaches and Disaster Recovery
WEL427  Holistic Eco-Social Approaches in Human Services
WEL428  Holistic Eco-Social Approaches to Global Governance and Policy
WEL429  Indigenous Australian Practice for Human Service Workers

THE STRANDS

The Practice Strand - for students with little or no practical experience (includes field placement). No credit will be awarded for prior work experience.

Core Practice subjects
HCS505  Social Work Professional Field Education 1 (16 points)
HCS510  Social Work and Mental Health Practice
HCS521  Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)
WEL407  Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
WEL418  Case Management

PLUS
1 Restricted Elective

The Coursework Strand - for students with substantial relevant work experience.

Core Coursework subjects
HCS521  Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)
HCS531  Leading Human Service Development (16 points)
SPE501  Advanced Social Policy Analysis and Planning (16 points)
WEL407  Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
WEL418  Case Management

The Research/Dissertation Strand - for students with extensive experience who have a keen interest in developing their research and evaluation skills. This strand involves completion of a research project.

Core Research/Dissertation subjects
HCS521  Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)
Enrolment Pattern

**PART-TIME:**

**SESSION 1 (February) commencement -**

**Practice Strand**

**Year 1 - Session 1**

- HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
- HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity

**Year 1 - Session 2**

- ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
- SWK504 Human Services Research Methods

**Year 2 - Session 1**

- HCS521 Practice leadership in Human Services *(16 points)*

**Year 2 - Session 2**

- WEL407 Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
- WEL418 Case Management

**Year 3 - Session 1**

- HCS505 Professional Field Education 1 *(16 points) (commence)*
- Restricted elective

**Year 3 - Session 2**

- HCS505 Professional Field Education 1 *(16 points) (complete)*
- HCS510 Social Work and Mental Health Practice

**Coursework Strand**

**Year 1 - Session 1**

- HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
- HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity
Year 1 - Session 2
- ETH402  Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
- SWK504  Human Services Research Methods

Year 2 - Session 1
- HCS521  Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)

Year 2 - Session 2
- WEL407  Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
- WEL418  Case Management

Year 2 - Session 2
- WEL407  Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
- WEL418  Case Management

Year 3 - Session 1
- SPE501  Advanced Social Policy Analysis & Planning (16 points)

Year 3 - Session 2
- HCS531  Leading Human Service Development (16 points)

Research/Dissertation Strand

Year 1 - Session 1
- HCS410  Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
- HCS513  Understanding Children from Adversity

Year 1 - Session 2
- ETH402  Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
- SWK504  Human Services Research Methods

Year 2 - Session 1
- HCS521  Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)

Year 2 - Session 2
- WEL407  Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
- WEL418  Case Management

Year 3 - Session 1
- SWK500  Social Work and Human Services Dissertation (16 points) (commence)
- WEL508  Social Policy Reading Subject

Year 3 - Session 2
- SWK500  Social Work and Human Services Dissertation (16 points) (complete)
- Restricted Elective

SESSION 2 (July) commencement -
Practice Strand

Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
SWK504 Human Services Research Methods

Year 2 - Session 1
HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity

Year 2 - Session 2
WEL407 Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
WEL418 Case Management

Year 3 - Session 1
HCS505 Professional Field Education 1 (16 points) (commence)
Restricted elective

Year 3 - Session 2
HCS505 Professional Field Education 1 (16 points) (complete)
HCS510 Social Work and Mental Health Practice

Year 4 - Session 1
HCS521 Practice Leadership in Human Services (16 points)

Coursework Strand

Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
SWK504 Human Services Research Methods

Year 2 - Session 1
HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity

Year 2 - Session 2
WEL407 Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
WEL418 Case Management

Year 3 - Session 1
HCS521 Practice Leadership in Human Services (16 points)
HCS531  Leading Human Service Development (16 points)

Year 4 - Session 1
SPE501  Advanced Social Policy Analysis & Planning (16 points)

Research/Dissertation Strand

Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402  Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
SWK504  Human Services Research Methods

Year 2 - Session 1
HCS410  Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513  Understanding Children from Adversity

Year 2 - Session 2
WEL407  Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
WEL418  Case Management

Year 3 - Session 1
SWK500  Social Work and Human Services Dissertation (16 points) (commence)
WEL508  Social Policy Reading Subject

Year 3 - Session 2
SWK500  Social Work and Human Services Dissertation (16 points) (complete)
Restricted Elective

Year 4 - Session 1
HCS521  Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)

FULL TIME:

SESSION 1 (February) commencement -

Practice Strand

Year 1 - Session 1
HCS410  Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513  Understanding Children from Adversity
HCS505  Professional Field Education 1 (16 points) (commence)
WEL407  Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
HCS505 Professional Field Education 1 (*16 points*) (*complete*)
HCS510 Social Work and Mental Health Practice
SWK504 Human Services Research Methods

Year 2 - Session 1
HCS521 Practice leadership in Human Services (*16 points*)
WEL418 Case Management
Restricted elective

Coursework Strand

Year 1 - Session 1
HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity
HCS521 Practice leadership in Human Services (*16 points*)

Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
SWK504 Human Services Research Methods
HCS531 Leading Human Service Development (*16 points*)

Year 3 - Session 1
SPE501 Advanced Social Policy Analysis & Planning (*16 points*)
WEL407 Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
WEL418 Case Management

Research/Dissertation Strand

Year 1 - Session 1
HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity
SWK500 Social Work and Human Services Dissertation (*16 points*) (*commence*)
WEL407 Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities

Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
SWK500 Social Work and Human Services Dissertation (*16 points*) (*complete*)
SWK504 Human Services Research Methods
WEL418 Case Management

Year 2 - Session 1
HCS521 Practice leadership in Human Services (*16 points*)
SESSION 2 (July) commencement –

Practice Strand

Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
HCS510 Social Work and Mental Health Practice
SWK504 Human Services Research Methods
WEL407 Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities

Year 2 - Session 1
HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity
HCS505 Professional Field Education 1 (16 points) (commence)
WEL418 Case Management

Year 2 - Session 2
HCS505 Professional Field Education 1 (16 points) (complete)
HCS521 Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)
Restricted elective

Coursework Strand

Year 1 - Session 2
ETH402 Vulnerability and the Ethics of Intervention
SPE501 Advanced Social Policy Analysis & Planning (16 points)
SWK504 Human Services Research Methods

Year 2 - Session 1
HCS410 Legal Issues in Child and Adolescent Welfare
HCS513 Understanding Children from Adversity
HCS521 Practice leadership in Human Services (16 points)

Year 2 - Session 2
HCS531 Leading Human Service Development (16 points)
WEL407 Child and Adolescent Welfare in Aboriginal Communities
WEL418 Case Management

Research/Dissertation Strand
No full-time study option is available for this strand due to subject availability.

**Workplace learning**

Please note that the following subjects may contain a Workplace Learning component.

HCS505 Social Work Field Education 1

**Contact**

**Current Students**

For any enquiries about subject selection or course structure you will need to contact Student Central at ask@csu.edu.au or phone on 1800 275 278. Alternatively;

- Chat to us online at: Student Central Chat
- Go to AskCSU, a fully searchable database of over 1000 frequently asked questions
- If on campus, visit us at one of our front counters (for information on opening hours and locations please see Student Central)

**Prospective Students**

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or [enquire online](mailto:enquire@csu.edu.au).

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