

# BACHELOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CRICOS Code**  
117329C

**Campus Locations**  
Melbourne & Sydney

**Australian Qualifications  
Framework (AQF)**  
Level 7

**Duration**  
3 Years (Full-Time)

**Intakes**  
February, May, September

**Credit Points**  
96

**Study Modes**  
On-Campus



**Education  
With Purpose**

# Bachelor of Community Services

The Bachelor of Community Services is designed to provide graduates with a broad and coherent body of knowledge and practical skills to safely and effectively support, advocate for and communicate with clients on a wide range of social welfare matters.

Students will develop and apply the necessary interpersonal and communication skills to work with individuals, families, and communities with diverse needs and backgrounds. Students will learn how to effectively plan, implement and evaluate programs with a focus on inclusive and culturally responsive case management and service provision.

Students gain valuable practical experience through 400 hours of fieldwork across two placements in approved community service agencies.

*This qualification is recognised in the Australian Qualifications Framework.*

## **PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION**

The Bachelor of Community Services aligns with Community Work Australia (CWA) accreditation standards. Ikon is currently working towards applying for CWA accreditation to further enhance the value of our course.

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates of the Bachelor of Community Services course will be able to work in generalist or specialised roles, supporting and empowering vulnerable and disadvantaged clients in community services and government organisations and undertake further learning in these areas.



## ADMISSION PATHWAYS

### Academic Requirements

- **Applicants with Higher Education (HE)** study must have undertaken a higher education qualification (or, partially completed a higher education qualification).
- **Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET)** study must have completed a vocational qualification at Diploma level or higher.
- **Applicants with Work/Life Experience** who left Senior Secondary Education more than two years prior to their application (and have not undertaken VET or HE study since) may gain entry based on professional or work experience and/or any non-formal courses undertaken in preparation for tertiary study or that are relevant to the subject area.
- **Applicants with recent Senior Secondary Education (within the past two years)** must have completed an Australian Senior Secondary Certificate (Year 12) or equivalent. For guaranteed entry, applicants must have achieved an ATAR Rank of 60.

### English Proficiency Requirements

Equivalent IELTS 6.0 (Academic) with no band less than 6.0.

### COURSE FEES

For information on fees and payment refer to [ikon.edu.au/fees/](http://ikon.edu.au/fees/).

## DELIVERY

Your study will involve a mix of lectures, skills development workshops, group work, self-directed study and workplace learning. For each subject, allocate about three hours for lectures and tutorials. Additionally, you should allow approximately 10 hours per week, per subject for self-directed study to complete prescribed readings, practice skills, conduct research, and complete assessments at your own pace.

### RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

You may apply for course credit towards the Bachelor of Community Services in recognition of prior learning which may result in course credit and exemption from that subject.

If you would like more information please head to [ikon.edu.au/contact/](http://ikon.edu.au/contact/) and complete the enquiry form.

### HOW TO APPLY

Visit [ikon.edu.au/application-process/](http://ikon.edu.au/application-process/) and complete the form. A member of our team will contact you to discuss your next step.

### DOMESTIC ENQUIRIES

**P** 1300 613 801 (Ext 1)

**E** [courseadvisor@ikon.edu.au](mailto:courseadvisor@ikon.edu.au)

### INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRIES

**P** 1300 613 801 (Ext 2)

**E** [international@edu.com.au](mailto:international@edu.com.au)

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## COURSE STRUCTURE

Students are required to successfully complete 23 subjects (144 credit points) to be eligible for the award of To successfully complete the Bachelor of Community Services you must successfully complete 24 subjects, totalling 144 credit points consisting of 22 core subjects and 2 placement subjects. Each subject is designed to provide you with the essential skills and understanding to excel in the field of community services.

The course also includes 2 supervised placement subjects totalling 400 hours at an approved community services agency.

For more information about the course, please visit [ikon.edu.au/bachelor-of-community-services/](http://ikon.edu.au/bachelor-of-community-services/)

### YEAR 1

CSW101 Valuing Diversity	CSW105 Understanding Societies and Social Analysis
CSW102 Foundations of Interpersonal Communication	CSW106 Principles and Practice of Case Management
CSW103 Introduction to Community Services	CSW107 Applied Interpersonal Skills 1
CSW104 Ethics and Professional Practice	CSW108 Program Planning and Coordination

### YEAR 2

CSW201 Applied Interpersonal Skills 2	CSW205 Human Service Systems and Contemporary Service Delivery
CSW202 Mental Health	CSW206 Social Policy in Human Services
CSW203 Lifespan Perspectives	CSW207 Working with Groups
CSW204 Community Services Fieldwork 1	CSW208 Families and Children

### YEAR 3

CSW301 Introduction to Management in Community Services	CSW305 Disability Advocacy and Accessibility
CSW302 Working with Young People	CSW306 Recognising and Responding to Trauma
CSW303 Conflict Management	CSW307 Community Development
CSW304 Connecting Cultures: Community Services and First Nations Peoples	CSW308 Community Services Fieldwork 2

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