Bachelor of Social Work (HH05)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: No
CRICOS code: 063034B
Course duration (full-time): 4 years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: CSP $2,731 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $10,750 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February and July
International Entry: February and July
QTAC code: 425042
Past rank cut-off: 74
Past OP cut-off: 13
OP Guarantee: Yes
Assumed knowledge: English (4, SA)
Preparatory studies: For information on acquiring assumed knowledge visit http://www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge
Course coordinator: All course enquires to Social Work and Human Services, email: swhs.enquiries@qut.edu.au or phone 07 3138 4697
Discipline coordinator: Ms Jenny Felton
Campus: Kelvin Grove

Blue Card
As required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000), students must undergo a criminal history check and be issued with a Suitability Card (Blue Card) by the Commission.

As soon as students accept their offer into the course, they should submit their Blue Card application to the QUT Student Centre immediately. Students must hold a Blue Card to undertake placement units (HHB338 and HHB408) which may involve contact with children.

If students do not apply for a Blue Card immediately upon enrolment in the course and allow sufficient time for the police check and issuing of the Card, they will be unable to participate in the required activities and may need to be withdrawn from the unit(s) and incur both financial and academic penalty. It may take up to 8 weeks for the Commission to issue the Card. Application form

Professional Recognition
Graduates are eligible to apply for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Course Structure
The Bachelor of Social Work can be undertaken as either a four year undergraduate program or as an advanced standing two year (5 semester) program following two years of approved undergraduate study. This pathway includes a summer teaching placement. Students may undertake the course in part-time mode. Students wishing to study part-time should contact the Course Coordinator for a progression plan.

Students will complete specialist units in child and family services, corrective services, disability services, or services to young people. Distinctive study pathways are also available. The child protection pathway will enable students to choose core and elective units which will best prepare them for practice in statutory child protection settings such as the Queensland Department of Child Safety. The international practice pathway will provide students with the knowledge and opportunity to undertake social work practice in other national contexts, and give them priority in undertaking a major placement in an overseas agency. The research pathway provides students with the knowledge and skills to undertake research designed to improve services and creates a solid foundation for postgraduate research programs.

The social work program involves two placements, each of 490 hours, where the student's skills are further developed in real world settings. Students are able to graduate with honours on the basis of achieving a GPA of a certain standard.

Advanced Standing Program
Advanced Standing allows approved applicants who have completed at least two years of a university degree or equivalent in a relevant area to complete the Social Work course with a further two calendar years (5 semesters) of full time study. Relevant areas of previous study are:

- Justice Studies
- Law
- Education
- Arts (Humanities)
- Social Sciences
- Psychology or Behavioural Sciences
- Community Welfare and Human Services programs from other universities
- Health including Nursing

As part of this prior study, it is expected students will have completed some units with a focus on social studies, behavioural studies, and interpersonal skills. The number of units in addition to the requirements of the standard 2 Year Advanced Standing Program that students can be required to undertake is limited to two (24 credit points).

If the previous study includes no social studies students can...
be required to undertake one unit with a focus on
• understanding society,
• social disadvantage,
• human rights or
• social/legal processes.

If the previous study includes no behavioural studies
students can be required to undertake HHB102 The Human
Condition or similar. Further, students may be required to
undertake HHB113 Interpersonal Communication if previous
studies have not included a unit with a focus on
interpersonal communication.

Students seeking Advanced Standing should apply for entry
to the four year Bachelor of Social Work program and apply
for advanced standing (credit) - up to 168 credit points - for
previous study. Students who have completed or partly
completed a human services degree from QUT should apply
for entry to the four year program, and may receive up to
192 credit points. Advice on likely credit can be provided by
the Bachelor of Social Work Course Coordinator. Note, that
while these guidelines govern advanced standing
arrangements, final outcomes will be decided once formal
application has been made.

It should be noted that in undertaking the 2 Year Advanced
Standing course structure students will undertake their first
field placement in the summer semester of the first year
following two semesters of preparatory units. Those who
enter the program in mid-year will undertake their first field
placement in the summer following their first semester.
Students will need to be available through the summer
(November to February) in order to complete the fieldwork
component.

Limits on grades of 3
A new policy concerning grades of 3 came into effect from 1
January 2009 (QUT MOPP C/5.2). With effect from this date
grades of 3 are no longer considered a conceded or low
pass but are classified as a fail grade. Any grades of 3
awarded prior to 1 January 2009 retain the conceded pass
status and will be counted for graduation purposes up to the
maximum number of grades of 3 permitted for your course.
Grades of 3 incurred in units that commence after 1 January
2009 will not count towards your degree. Further information
is available on the Student Services website

Further information
For information about this course, please call Social Work
and Human Services on +61 7 3138 4697 or email
swhs.enquiries@qut.edu.au

Potential Careers: