An understanding of how social, cultural and economic factors can influence the health of individuals and communities is central to public health practice. Applying this knowledge in a human services role allows graduates to develop and deliver support programs that recognise a client’s individual circumstances and underlying barriers to improved health. You may work for government health and human services departments, non-government organisations, community and advocacy groups, and not-for-profit organisations.

**Why choose this course?**
You will select elective units from key areas of human services and public health practice, including youth services, domestic violence, community nutrition, or general studies in psychology.

This course also offers opportunities for practical placement in local, regional, or overseas locations. These experiences allow you to broaden your skills for employment in a range of local and global environments.

**Assumed knowledge**
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas
- English

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

**Professional recognition**
This course is accredited by the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) and graduates are eligible to apply for membership of the ACWA. In addition, graduates are eligible to apply for membership of the Public Health Association of Australia and the Australian Health Promotion Association.

**Fees**
**HECS-HELP**
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

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**Maxwel Amolo**  
**Real graduate**

‘As a graduate I have the desire to help bring social change here in Australia and back in my home country, Kenya. The human services course shaped my values and strengthened my vision of collaborating with other stakeholders to build sustainable communities. The friendly nature of staff and students made me feel like I belonged at QUT.’
Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Additional costs
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course, and some of these requirements have associated costs. Find out more about additional course requirements and costs.

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Blue card: You must undergo a criminal history check for working with children and be issued with a suitability card (blue card) before commencing clinical placement/practicum in an organisation where they may work with children or young people.

The processing of your application may take several months so you must submit your blue card application to HiQ as early as possible to ensure you have your card before you begin any unit that requires contact with children. There is no charge for student blue cards. Students who already have a blue card must register it with QUT.

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