

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (QUALIFYING) (1792)

**Approved Abbreviation:** MSocWrk(Qual)  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 1792  
**AQF Level:** 9

**CRICOS Code:** 088712G

This program applies to students who commenced in 2020 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

The Master of Social Work (Qualifying) (MSW(Q)) is aimed at graduates of Social Sciences and other Human Services programs who wish to achieve a professional qualification in social work. It combines the academic rigour, including research training required for a Masters level qualification, with 1000 hours of field education. The combination of blended and work-based learning is a distinguishing feature of this degree.

## Study Mode

Two years full-time or four years part-time.

## Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

| Campus                                         | Attendance | Mode     | Advice    |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Parramatta<br>City Campus-<br>Macquarie Street | Full Time  | Internal | See above |
| Parramatta<br>City Campus-<br>Macquarie Street | Part Time  | Internal | See above |

## Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

## Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

The existing Bachelor of Social Work Inherent Requirements will be used for the MSW (Q). Published at:

Inherent Requirements ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_bachelor\\_of\\_social\\_work/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_bachelor_of_social_work/))

## Work Integrated Learning

Two placements: first placement 400 hours; and second placement 600 hours. Students are directly supervised by qualified staff in the human services sector, and are supported by the Social Work academic team.

## Admission

### Admission 2024 and prior

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in the areas of Health, Education or Society and Culture, with a minimum of eight (8) subjects completed in Social Sciences or Psychology

Or

Applicants must have completed the Western Sydney University Postgraduate Bridging Program (Social Work) program.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

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All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students must have completed a Working With Children Check and a Criminal Record Check for students undertaking field education subjects.

### Admission from 2025

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International students who have not completed a Year 12 or equivalent secondary school level qualification or higher qualification in the English language consistent with the requirements for admission to a Level 9 degree course in Australia must have a minimum score of 7.0 or higher in each component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) of the Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test, or equivalent.

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## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points which include the subjects listed below.

| Course                | Title                                                              | Credit Points |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Year 1</b>         |                                                                    |               |
| <b>Autumn session</b> |                                                                    |               |
| WELF 7023             | Social Work Practice Methods 1                                     | 10            |
| WELF 7024             | Social Work Practice Methods 2                                     | 10            |
| WELF 7031             | Theories and Knowledges for Social Work                            | 10            |
| WELF 7029             | Indigenous Australia: History, Knowledge and Professional Practice | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>  |                                                                    | <b>40</b>     |
| <b>2H session</b>     |                                                                    |               |
| WELF 7021             | Social Work (Qualifying) Field Education 1                         | 20            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>  |                                                                    | <b>20</b>     |
| <b>Spring session</b> |                                                                    |               |
| WELF 7018             | Leadership in Organisations                                        | 10            |
| WELF 7030             | Research for Social Work Practice                                  | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>  |                                                                    | <b>20</b>     |
| <b>Year 2</b>         |                                                                    |               |
| <b>Autumn session</b> |                                                                    |               |
| WELF 7003             | Contextualised Practice                                            | 10            |
| WELF 7007             | Critical Social Work Practice                                      | 10            |
| WELF 7019             | Power and Marginalisation                                          | 10            |

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| HUMN 7044                  | Theories of Difference and Diversity       | 10         |
| <b>Credit Points</b>       |                                            | <b>40</b>  |
| <b>2H session</b>          |                                            |            |
| WELF 7022                  | Social Work (Qualifying) Field Education 2 | 30         |
| WELF 7017                  | Integrated Project                         | 10         |
| <b>Credit Points</b>       |                                            | <b>40</b>  |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b> |                                            | <b>160</b> |