

Diploma of Community Welfare and Development (DCWD) - DipCWD

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Ipswich campus: 939211; External: 909215; Toowoomba campus: 909211

CRICOS code (International applicants): 065020C

This program is only offered to continuing students. No new admission will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should [contact us](#).

	On-campus	External
Semester intake:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Ipswich, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time	
Program articulation:	To: Bachelor of Human Services	

Contact us

		Current students
		Ask a question Freecall (within Australia): 1800 007 252 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285 Email usq.support@usq.edu.au

Program aims

This program involves the study of eight units of course work at the undergraduate level to provide enhanced understanding of basic issues and principles in the community welfare environment and, through elective studies, the acquisition of associated skills and conceptual frameworks. In vocational terms it would provide a foundation program for people wishing to work in community organisations or community development with marginalised groups in Australian society. Completion of this program does not provide students with a professional qualification in either social work or psychology.

Program objectives

On successful completion of the program students should be able to demonstrate:

- the ability to communicate effectively in welfare and development relationships and respond to the needs of diverse groups
- understanding of fundamental challenges faced by marginalised social groups
- knowledge and understanding of the principles and issues of community welfare and development
- awareness of the legal, ethical and social responsibilities that are integral to work in community organisations

- knowledge of the key principles and indicators of sustainability and an awareness of the economic, social and environmental contexts of current sustainability issues
- ability to initiate critical analyses of their social, economic, cultural, and political context, as these pertain to the community sector in order to make informed decisions
- qualities of collaboration, resourcefulness, sensitivity to diverse needs and a commitment to equity and social justice
- professional skills in planning, implementing and evaluating a range of community development strategies appropriate to the community welfare and development context
- ability to utilise resources available to community organisations effectively
- a critical, reflective and ethical professional approach
- basic communication skills applicable to community workplaces.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

Students will have completed either (a) year 12 or (b) its equivalent, with a satisfactory achievement in English (the overall position or its equivalent will be used as a general basis for selection).

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The program will comprise eight units of study as follows:

Required Courses (six units)	CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship
	CDS1000 Community Welfare and Development
	CDS1001 Human Relations and Communications
	CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services (students cannot study both CDS2000 and HMT2000 within the one degree)
	HSW1000 Foundations of the Human Services Disciplines
	EDC2200 First Nations Education
Elective course (one unit)	One course selected from the Bachelor of Human Services core or any major
Elective course (one unit)	One course selected from available university offerings

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses

The Diploma requires one elective to be chosen from the [Bachelor of Human Services](#) program, either a core course (e.g. [PSY1010](#)) or from one of the majors.

The Diploma requires one other elective chosen from the University's offerings.

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
CDS1000 Community Welfare and Development	1	1			1	1,3	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship *	1	1,2			1	1,2,3	Enrolment is not permitted in CMS1000 if MGT1200 has been previously completed.
CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services ^#	1	1			1	1	
CDS1001 Human Relations and Communications #	1	1	1	1			
Elective	1	2	1	2, 3			
EDC2200 First Nations Education *	1	2			1	2,3	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEDU or BECH BEDU Early Childhood and BECH s tudents must complete EDE3009 prior to enrolment in EDC2200 BEDU Primary stu dents must complete EPP3100 prior to enrolment in EDC2200
HSW1000 Foundations of the Human Services Disciplines #	1	2			1	2	
Elective	1	2	1	2, 3			

Footnotes

* Available on-campus at Springfield and Toowoomba

^ Students cannot study both [CDS2000](#) and [HMT2000](#) within the one degree.

Available on-campus at Springfield only