



Social Work

What is a Social Worker?

A social worker is committed to maximising the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities by emphasizing the principles of social justice, empowerment and respect for human dignity and human rights.

Using theories of social science, psychology and humanities, the role of a social worker includes casework, assessments, counselling, family work, advocacy, and research and policy development.

Role of hospital Social Workers?

Being admitted to hospital can be an extremely stressful and traumatic time for individuals and families. Hospital social workers work directly with those admitted to hospital and their families to minimise the negative impacts of illness and hospitalisation.

Social workers are essential members of the multidisciplinary hospital team, working with doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals to ensure the holistic wellbeing of patients.

Hospital social workers work across a wide range of specialty areas including critical care (emergency departments and Intensive care units), women's health, cancer services, geriatrics, mental health and drug and alcohol (to name a few).

What studies to I need to undertake?

In order to practice as a social worker you will need to complete a university degree of either a Bachelor of Social Work or a Social Work Qualifying Master's degree. Graduates of an accredited social work degree are eligible for membership of the Australia Association of Social Workers (AASW). The following Universities offer undergraduate or post graduate social work courses -



Charles Stuart University

University of New England

University of NSW

University of Newcastle

University of Sydney

Western Sydney University

University of Wollongong

Australian Catholic University

