

Associate Degree of Human Services – AHSW (EXIT POINT ONLY)

Program aims

This program aims to provide an understanding of the basic issues and principles in the community sector together with skills and theoretical frameworks for people interested in becoming human services professionals in the community sector, and promoting and maintaining a healthy society. It will prepare individuals to be designers of services for older people and people with a disability.

Program objectives

On completion of this program students should be able to:

- Develop and apply professional skills surrounding the key issues appropriate for working in the community and government sector
- Identify professional and contextual issues in counselling and welfare
- Communicate in a range of forms, including formal and informal, oral and written
- Work in teams, modifying behaviour in response to the role allocated within the team.
- Analyse community development and welfare based contexts from a social justice/human rights perspective from within Australia, and globally
- Examine environmental, economic and social context issues such as sustainability, equity, and justice
- Evaluate concepts and theories related to health assessment, professional practice, health practices, and social wellbeing.

Program structure

Students who have successfully completed 6 specified core courses, at least 4 courses from within one BHMS major and 6 courses allowed within the BHMS structure may exit with the Associate Degree of Human Services.

Six specified core courses:

- CDS1000 Community Welfare and Development
- HSW1110 Mental Health and Wellbeing
- HSW2120 Human Services Case Management OR ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia
- CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services
- HSW2299 Field Placement A OR (ISE1002 Comparative and Contemporary Indigenous Cultures or POL1000 Government, Business and Society or LAW1101 Introduction to Law or CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship)
- HSW1000 Foundation of the Human Services Disciplines

At least four courses from within a BHMS major

Six courses allowed within BHMS structure (minor, 2nd major or approved courses)

At least 4 courses must be at level 2 or above.

Footnotes

- * (Students cannot study both [CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services](#) and [HMT2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights](#) within the one degree.)