

Bachelor of Social Work



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Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
 - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
 - Discover great accommodation options

INTERCULTURAL LEARNING

Work in collaboration. JCU students are encouraged to engage with, and learn from, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Study with the university rated five stars for median graduate salary and #1 in Queensland for full-time graduate employment outcomes.*

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Graduate with confidence after completing 1,000 hours of placement.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.

*2024 Good Universities Guide, UG Social Work



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- ✔ Learn to guide and support individuals, families and communities to overcome challenges, and help them succeed in their personal and professional lives. Gain practical experience, with a focus on working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and diverse cultures and communities.
- ✔ You will study core subjects including human rights and social justice, interpersonal skills, group work and community work, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander skills and frameworks for practice, eco-social justice, working with children and families and mental health. Benefit from passionate educators and real-world case studies.
- ✔ Apply your theoretical knowledge to extensive field placements in your third and fourth years. Learn from leading social workers and build effective relationships with diverse cultures, rural and remote communities. You may also be able to participate in field trips to other countries.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Cairns, Townsville, Online*
Start Dates:	February, July
Duration:	4 years full-time, part-time available
ATAR:	62
Prerequisites:	English (Units 3/4,C)

* Some compulsory on-campus attendance is required for online students

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.

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JCU social workers aim to help people thrive in their environment, promote positive relationships and work towards creating a just and equitable society. They are concerned with the wellbeing of individuals, families, groups and communities.

JCU's Bachelor of Social Work degree has a distinctive focus on interpersonal experience and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contexts for practice, and combines topics from a range of study areas, including:

- Human rights and social justice
- Community work
- Eco-social justice
- Evidence-informed practice
- Child and family welfare
- Cross-cultural practice
- Mental health.

Our Bachelor of Social Work is a professionally accredited course with a strong emphasis on professional practice experience, and practical skills are integrated from the third year onwards. In your third and final years of

study you will have opportunities to participate in field placements. Each placement experience incorporates 500 hours of hands-on training with an accredited social work supervisor (1,000 hours in total).

Further information about placements can be found at [Enrolment Policy – Coursework Students](#).

Successful applicants require a Working with Children card (Blue Card) before undertaking placement. It is recommended that this requirement is completed by the end of your first semester/teaching period.

HONOURS

The Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) degree is available for high-achieving students. It consists of extra study and the development of a personal research project and thesis. An Honours degree is usually essential for entry to research higher degrees.





“I had the opportunity to step into higher education after a career in trades and mining. James Cook University offers a great Social Work curriculum that is up-to-date on national and international social change and development issues. The opportunity to link theory to practice during Field Placement opportunities has been really rewarding.”

Brodie Kuhn

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK



“Social work is really dynamic. Graduates can work in an array of different settings such as community work, education, health and child protection.

We have an important focus on the First Peoples of Australia in our content as our location means we have a large population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This ensures that our students will graduate with a lens of cultural capability when working in their chosen field.

At JCU, our point of difference is getting to know your lecturers. Being able to go to them on campus for support is unique and valuable to our students.”

Alice Scott

LECTURER AND FIELD EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Career Opportunities

JCU Social Work graduates are equipped to advocate for social justice and change in a broad range of areas.

Graduates can pursue careers in public housing, child welfare, drug and alcohol support, domestic violence, Indigenous health, disability, mental health, and aged care. They can work in government agencies, not-for-profit organisations, education, and private and public hospitals.

You could find employment in many roles, including as a child protection officer, mental health counsellor, health policy officer, health services manager, social worker, aged services worker, youth worker, or school counsellor.

Social workers can be involved in supporting individuals, groups and communities to respond and adapt to a changing social climate.

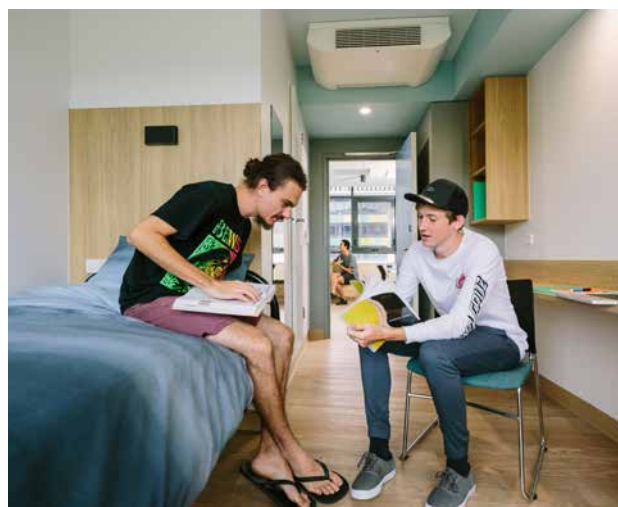




JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns and Townsville are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,300 students. JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield, features an accommodation complex for 300 students. Living on campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences have a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at jcu.edu.au/accommodation



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