



# BACHELOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

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# BACHELOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Course Code: HE20528

The Bachelor of Community Services will equip you with the practical and theoretical skills required to pursue a career in community services. Make your mark supporting the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, as well as being an agent of social change.

This fully online degree is a dynamic hands-on course which will prepare you for practice-based roles in both government and non-government agencies. You can choose electives to focus on areas of specialisation including working with families at risk, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies, settlement work and disability services.

As part of your degree you will complete two supervised work placements to allow you to develop real industry skills and experience, which will maximise your employability on completion of this course.

Careers in community services are diverse, and graduates can find themselves working in a variety of settings and roles, ranging from management and intervention to specialist practice.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The Bachelor of Community Services requires you to complete 22 subjects and a total of 240 credit points. Each theory subject is worth 10 credit points. The two work placement subjects are worth 20 credit points each.

## FAST TRACK YOUR STUDIES

If you have extensive and current industry experience or have completed a diploma or advanced diploma in community services, community sector management, alcohol and other drugs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care, counselling and mental health services and intervention services you may be entitled to exemption from subjects in the Bachelor of Community Services. Talk to the course coordinator if you think you may be entitled to recognition of prior learning.

## APPLYING AND ENROLLING

For information about applying and enrolling go to:  
[tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-community-services](http://tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-community-services)

## PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES

Tuition fees must be paid by census date and are only payable for the subjects you enrol in each semester.

Students who enrol in this course may be eligible to pay their tuition fees using FEE-HELP. FEE-HELP is an Australian Government student loan scheme. More information about FEE-HELP including eligibility criteria is available at: [studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help](http://studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help)

## STUDY MODE AND DURATION

Three years full time or part time equivalent

## COURSE DELIVERY LOCATIONS

- This is a fully online course

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Domestic applicants** must have completed:

- NSW HSC or equivalent, or
- Tertiary Preparation Certificate, or
- Certificate IV level vocational qualification or higher

If you do not meet the entry requirements you can apply for entry under special admission provisions including mature age and disadvantage.

You will be required to submit documentation to support your application for special admission.

## TUITION FEES

### Domestic students:

\$1,310 per 10 credit point subject

\$2,620 per 20 credit point subject

\$31,440 indicative full course fee

### International students:

This course is not open to enrolment by students on an international student visa

# UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN WORKING WITH FAMILIES AT RISK

Course Code: HE20547

This short course is for people who work in the community services sector and who want to extend their capabilities to work with families at risk. The course requires the completion of four subjects in which you will learn how to develop intervention strategies within a community services context, develop communication strategies to work effectively with individual clients, groups and communities, and work as part of multi-disciplinary teams to support families at risk. On completion of the short course, if you do decide to continue your studies in the Bachelor of Community Services you will get credit for the four subjects completed.

For more information go to: [tafensw.edu.au/degrees/undergraduate-certificate-in-working-with-families-at-risk](https://tafensw.edu.au/degrees/undergraduate-certificate-in-working-with-families-at-risk)

# UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

Course Code: HE20549

This short course is for people who work in the community services sector and who want to extend their capabilities to work with First Nations people and communities. The course requires the completion of four subjects in which you will learn about engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities in accordance cultural protocols; how to develop

For more information go to: [tafensw.edu.au/degrees/undergraduate-certificate-in-supporting-families-and-first-nations-people-and-communities](https://tafensw.edu.au/degrees/undergraduate-certificate-in-supporting-families-and-first-nations-people-and-communities)



## COURSE STRUCTURE

This structure is the typical study pattern for a full-time student. Elective choice and study pattern is determined by the location. Most subjects are worth 10 credit points (CPs). The two work placement subjects are worth 20 CPs each.

### YEAR 1 - LEVEL 100: FOUNDATION KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

<b>SEMESTER 1: Complete all subjects</b>	
<b>CSSAP101A</b>	Academic foundations (10 CP)
<b>CSCSI101A</b>	Specialist communication (10 CP)
<b>CSCSI103A</b>	Working in community services (10 CP)
<b>CSORG101A</b>	Ethics and legislation in community services (10 CP)
<b>SEMESTER 2: Complete all subjects</b>	
<b>CSCSI102A</b>	Group and community work (10 CP)
<b>CSPSY101A</b>	Lifespan development (10 CP)
<b>CSSAP102A</b>	Fields of practice 1 (20 CP)

### YEAR 2 - LEVEL 200: DEVELOPING

<b>SEMESTER 1: Complete all subjects</b>	
<b>CSCSI201A</b>	Case management practice (10 CP)
<b>CSORG201A</b>	Organisational communication (10 CP)
<b>CSPSY201A</b>	Foundations of psychology (10 CP)
<b>CSSOC201A</b>	Applied sociology (10 CP)
<b>SEMESTER 2: Complete 2 core plus 2 electives</b>	
<b>CSCSI202A</b>	Applied counselling practice (10 CP)
<b>CSCSI203A</b>	Practice frameworks in context (10 CP)
<b>Plus 2 electives selected from the following:</b>	
<b>CSSAP201A</b>	Foundations of working with families at risk (10 CP)
<b>CSSAP202A</b>	Foundations of disability work (10 CP)
<b>CSSAP203A</b>	Foundations of settlement work (10 CP)
<b>CSSAP204A</b>	Foundations of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities (10 CP)

### YEAR 3 - LEVEL 300: SYNTHESIS

<b>SEMESTER 1: Complete all subjects</b>	
<b>CSORG301A</b>	Organisational management in community services (10 CP)
<b>CSCSI301A</b>	Community development and international aid (10 CP)
<b>CSSOC301A</b>	Social policy (10 CP)
<b>CSSOC302A</b>	Research skills development (10 CP)
<b>SEMESTER 2: Complete 1 core plus 2 electives</b>	
<b>CSSAP305A</b>	Fields of practice 2 (20 CP)
<b>Plus 2 electives selected from the following:</b>	
<b>CSSAP301A</b>	Working with families at risk (10 CP)
<b>CSSAP302A</b>	Working with people with disability (10 CP)
<b>CSSAP303A</b>	Settlement work (10 CP)
<b>CSSAP304A</b>	Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities (10 CP)

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This document is intended as a general guide only. Information in this document is current as of December 2020. Prospective students should contact TAFE NSW for more information, and to confirm admission requirements and availability of courses. Note that tuition fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change. For current fee information visit: [tafensw.edu.au/degrees/applying-and-fees/fees-and-payment](http://tafensw.edu.au/degrees/applying-and-fees/fees-and-payment). Fees payable by the student are the tuition fees valid for that semester, and not the tuition fees that were in place the first time the student enrolled. Additional fees may be payable for equipment and resources.