

Social Worker

What does a Social Worker Do?

A Social Worker provides counselling and other forms of assistance to enable individuals, groups and communities to develop the necessary skills to better cope with personal and/or social problems and challenges

Where do I study to become a Social Worker?

- Bachelor of Social Work – University of New England/ University of Sydney/ University of Newcastle/ University of New South Wales/ University of Western Sydney/ Australian Catholic University/ Central Queensland University/ Griffith University/ James Cook University/ Queensland University of Technology/ University of Queensland/ University of the Sunshine Coast/ Monash University/ La Trobe University
- Bachelor of Arts/ Social Work – University of Sydney/ Charles Sturt University – Wagga Wagga
- Bachelor of Social Work/ Social Planning – Flinders University (Adelaide)

A day in the life of a Rural Social Worker

- Assisting hospital patients to adjust to health issues
- Counselling victims of domestic violence or sexual assault
- Marital, family and individual counselling
- Community development
- Advocating for people and enabling them to access different forms of assistance within the community
- Establishing self-help groups for people with similar problems/ issues.

Career opportunities

- Hospitals
- Community Health Centres
- Sexual assault services
- Mental Health services
- Centrelink
- Department of Community Services
- Organisations such as Centre care

What sort of person should I be?

- Non-judgmental
- Flexible, should not have too many fixed ideas about right and wrong
- Willing to meet many and varied challenges.
- Interested in working with people
- Willing to apply oneself to personal as well as academic learning
- Friendly, warm, caring and empathic
- Skilled at both written and verbal communication
- An organised and clear thinker
- Able to relate to people of varied backgrounds
- Able to adapt to new situations
- Able to work with others in a team