

Social Work Career Snapshot



Graduate Opportunities

Social Work graduates will work in **government departments, hospitals, no-government organisations (NGOs), schools and private practice**, typically in fields such as **mental health, child protection and community services** among others. Job titles may include:

- Social Worker
- Child Protection Officer
- Mental Health Counsellor
- Health Policy Officer
- Health Services Officer
- Youth Worker
- School Counsellor

Look at: [What Can I Do With My Social Work Degree?](#)

Career Relevant Experiences

The JCU Social Work program places a strong emphasis on **professional practice experience** and **skill development**. In addition to your field placements, it is recommended you actively seek additional social work-related volunteer or paid opportunities to expand your experience.

Think of areas of Social Work that interest you and seek out volunteer opportunities in that area. For example, if you're interested in working in health, you could volunteer with a **patient support group**. If you wish to develop your counselling skills or crisis support experience, you could be a [Lifeline Crisis Supporter](#).

Volunteering opportunities are available through the **Red Cross, Beyond Blue, Cancer Council, Centacare, Vinnies, Food Rescue Initiative, Orange Sky, Indigenous Community Volunteers, Lifeline**, and **PCYC**. Further opportunities are advertised through:

- [FNQ Volunteers](#)
- [Volunteering North Queensland](#)
- [Townsville Community Directory](#)
- [Cairns Community Directory](#)

Professional Associations

Graduates of this course are accredited with and eligible for full membership with the [Australian Association of Social Workers](#) (AASW).

Consider applying for student membership of the AASW whilst at university. This is an ideal way to gain valuable insight into your future profession, demonstrate interest and meet people in your field who can support you in developing your career.

Sector Job Sites

Look at the following specialist job sites for relevant roles:

- [Ethical Jobs](#)
- [Horizon Career Centre \(AASW Job Portal\)](#)
- [Community Work](#)

Recommended Skills

Conflict Management/Mediation; Written and Verbal Communication; **Ethical Judgement;** Problem Solving; **Observation and Listening Skills;** Time Management; **Negotiation Skills;** Advocacy

Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for graduate programmes, graduate jobs, internships and placements:

- [Prosple](#)
- [SEEK Grad](#)
- [Smart Jobs](#)

JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)