Be true to you
The demand for community service and social science professionals is rapidly increasing.

RMIT’s community services and social sciences qualifications address key emerging global issues in society including an ageing population, new social policies, political tensions, rising consumer expectations and technological advances.

Our programs offer hands-on, practical learning including work placements, field education and internships. Learn to interpret and influence society locally and globally with a range of programs specifically addressing emerging issues that affect our communities in a time of rapid social transformation.

**Graduate Outcomes**

More than 70 per cent of social work graduates in Australia were in full-time work within four months of graduating.

Source: Graduate Careers Australia, December 2014
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Housing and homelessness researchers in the Centre for Urban Research investigate social and housing policy, homelessness, welfare, housing finance and economics, along with associated cultural dynamics and stigma.

Researching Global Solutions

Research at RMIT is all about solving global problems; finding solutions that change the world for the better.

RMIT has an international reputation for excellence in research:
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*Source: Australian Research Council

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Urban Sustainability

RMIT is urban in orientation and creativity, shaping sustainable cities of the future.

— The New Academic Street (NAS) project is set to transform the City campus: there will be a new 24-hour computer lab, as well as more dedicated areas for study, group work, informal meetings and on-campus socialising.

— Dedicated to sustainable urban campus environments and design excellence, RMIT’s continuing $800 million capital investment program saw the completion of the Design Hub and Swanston Academic Building (SAB) in Melbourne, and a striking new academic building at the Ho Chi Minh City campus in 2012.

— The Design Hub represents a new era for design innovation and research in Australia. It brings together progressive design academics, industry practitioners and postgraduate researchers within a disciplinary and collaborative urban laboratory – the first of its kind in Australia.

— The Swanston Academic Building (SAB) was named one of the ten most spectacular university buildings in the world by CNN.

Industry Connected

Strong partnerships with industry leaders and a practical approach are at the heart of RMIT qualifications.

— Many RMIT academics work with global companies, enabling the University to develop an enviable range of industry-aligned courses. This means you will learn by doing and gain the practical skills to navigate a rapidly changing world before you graduate.

— Industry partners include the United Nations, IBM, Deloitte, KPMG, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, MIND Australia, ANZ, Salvation Army, Anglicare, MacCallum Cancer Centre and the Royal Children’s Hospital.

— One of a kind in Australia, the RMIT International Industry Experience and Research Program (RIIERP) offers internships and the opportunity to work on projects with leading organisations in Asia, Europe and the US.
Pathway Chart

Get into the course you really want. Our industry-relevant and practical vocational education programs offer a flexible way to gain a qualification and pathway into a higher degree.

- Advanced Diploma of Disability Work
- Advanced Diploma of Justice
- Advanced Diploma of Interpreting
- Advanced Diploma of Translating
- Diploma of Community Services Work
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)
- Diploma of Community Development
- Diploma of Languages
- Diploma of Youth Work
- Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice Administration)
- Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Legal and Dispute Studies)
- Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Youth Work)
- Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
- Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)/Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Environment)
- Bachelor of Environmental Science/Bachelor of Social Science (Environment)
- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.
Pathways to Further Study in International and Community Services
Build skills before you start a degree. Being acknowledged for prior study or work experience can reduce the duration of your program and save you money. RMIT offers a selection of guaranteed pathways to further study.

RMIT Celebrates 40 years of Translating and Interpreting
RMIT has been training interpreters and translators since 1975. The program sees a strong focus on professionalism and work-ready graduates for employment both locally and internationally and all programs are approved by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).

Field Education
Field education is a major component of most vocational programs and undergraduate degrees in international and community services. It supports collaborative-based student learning and builds links with industry and community sectors. It allows students to develop networks and career opportunities and, for many students, this leads to rewarding employment.
Bachelor of Social Science (Youth Work)

RMIT Code: BP191 ........................ FT3 or PTA – V
2015 Clearly-in ATAR: .......................... 80.75
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp191  CITY CAMPUS

Youth work is about realising justice for young people, securing their wellbeing and recognising their human rights, entitlements and obligations.

RMIT delivers Australia’s longest running youth work program.

The role of a youth worker is diverse, with many exciting and challenging career opportunities in youth-specific services, governments, major welfare agencies and national and international organisations. This program taps into this diversity by working towards securing the environments in which all young people can explore their individual and collective capabilities and thrive intellectually, physically and creatively.

You will develop skills and knowledge in identifying the different needs of young people by combining interactive learning with work placements and real-life projects.

This program forms the basis for youth work practice, advocacy, planning, management and policy decisions.

What You Will Study

You will consider current theoretical trends in understanding the social, policy, and legal status of youth, both in Australia and internationally. You will also explore diverse ways of working with young people individually and in groups.

Year One

You will acquire a comprehensive knowledge of Australian society and governance in a global context. You will also be introduced to the youth sector, and some of the conceptual foundations of understanding young people and youth work.

Year Two

You will develop a solid grounding in youth work skills, ethical practice, legal and justice issues for youth and the foundations for social research as well as undertake industry-engaged project work. You will also select two electives.

Year Three

You will develop knowledge in youth work policy, social action, planning, management and evaluation and undertake 35 days of supervised placement in agencies that work with young people. You will also select two electives.

Industry Connections

Youth work field education is a core component of the degree and provides you with on-the-job experience.

In the second year of the program you will undertake industry-engaged project work, and in the third year you will undertake 35 days of supervised placement in agencies that work with young people.

Career

Youth workers are needed everywhere in Australia and overseas.

Youth workers are employed in:

— youth justice settings
— government departments
— child protection
— schools
— health services
— drug and alcohol agencies
— disability services
— international aid and development agencies.

They perform a variety of roles, including support, mentoring, advocacy, health-promotion, program design, training and research.

Key welfare services such as The Salvation Army, Berry Street, Anglicare and UNICEF also employ youth workers.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites

Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in any English (except EAL) or at least 30 in English (EAL).

Selection Tasks

Applicants may need to submit a VTAC Personal Statement online.

Please refer to VTAC for full details on selection requirements.

Pathway

Graduates from a range of RMIT vocational education programs may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Social Science (Youth Work).

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.
Advanced Diploma of Disability

RMIT Code: C6126 ........................................ PT1 – \nNational Course Code: CHC60112
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c6126 CITY CAMPUS

This management-focused program suits experienced practitioners, coordinators, supervisors and managers currently employed in disability services.

It will prepare you for a challenging career that demands personal commitment and rigorous dedication to the promotion of the rights of people with disabilities.

You will develop advanced skills in working with clients with complex needs, and providing specialist disability services and professional supervision of staff including volunteers.

Local students can undertake this program as a traineeship.

What You Will Study
You will complete 16 core units and four elective units.

Core units focus on organisational and agency management and disability service delivery. They also focus on developing senior level skills in staff work practice, support and development. You will look at local, state, national and international directions in the disability sector and further develop your capacity to be a positive influence in disability services.

Elective units are built around the theme of client assessment and support.

Delivery is flexible and accessible, featuring targeted workshops and workplace-based assessment tasks.

Industry Connections
You will be able to negotiate workplace-based projects with the facilitators that are relevant to your individual professional development needs. Workplace projects allow you to appropriately apply the competencies you’ve learnt to the job.

The projects you undertake promote skill development and are directly related to improving your work practices.

RMIT works with disability organisations in Victoria and interstate to deliver contextualised programs that strongly link formal learning with professional or vocational practice.

Career
This program is widely recognised in the disability services field and is a preferred qualification for a range of direct support and leadership positions.

Graduates work in government disability support settings, community support organisations, local councils and other disability support services.

Professional Recognition
The Advanced Diploma of Disability Work is recognised in the Victorian disability sector as an advanced qualification and may be a mandatory qualification for some positions in government or non-government services.

Entry Requirements
Prerequisites
Applicants must have a minimum of five years’ previous experience in the disability sector.

Selection Tasks
Applicants must attend an interview.

Pathways
Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

You may find work developing support programs for people of all ages with a disability.
Diploma of Community Development

RMIT Code: C5247 ........................................ FT1 – CITY CAMPUS
National Course Code: CHC50708
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c5247

This program is designed for experienced practitioners in community services, to help develop advanced skills in creating engaging programs, services and activities.

Build on your experience in the community sector with a program that helps develop your skills and knowledge through workplace-based projects.

Community development work aims to facilitate people in working together to influence and guide the future of their community.

What You Will Study
You will participate in work projects and other learning activities that will build your skills in developing, implementing and evaluating community development programs.

Delivered through intensive workshops for one to two days a month at RMIT City campus, this program provides you with skills in community development through interaction with experts from various areas of community services.

These skills include:
— program design
— consultation
— management and evaluation
— research
— sociology
— group work
— advocacy capabilities.

Reflection on one’s own professional practice is a key element of this program.

Industry Connections
RMIT works closely with its industry partners, including Aboriginal co-operatives and non-government organisations, to ensure that this program is consistent with industry needs.

If you are working, particularly in a job related to your studies, you may have the opportunity to be assessed in your workplace for some or all of your courses.

Career
Graduates of the program will be able to use the following learnt skills in their community development roles:
— building community networks
— providing advocacy services
— defining community priorities
— empowering individuals and communities
— resourcing the community to meet needs
— facilitating support and social action groups
— working towards social justice.

Non-government organisations often require the program for the development of their community services workforce.

Professional Recognition
This nationally-recognised vocational education and training (VET) qualification has been validated by the community services and health industry.

Entry Requirements
Prerequisites
Certificate IV in Community Development and/or relevant experience in the community development sector.

Selection Tasks
None

Pathways
Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

Student Profile
“[The best thing about the program was the focus on the practical projects outside the classroom and the work we did in the community. I developed skills in communication and the confidence to be able to express an idea in different environments to different types of people."

“This program has really helped my career. Before I finished I was offered a position as a youth engagement officer in local government and that role brings in all the things I learnt during the Diploma of Community Development – working with youth in the community and engaging youth in a broad range of activities.”

Olive Moynihan
Diploma of Community Development

www.tinyurl.com/OliviaMoynihan
Diploma of Community Services
(Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)

RMIT Code: C5318
National Course Code: CHC50412
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c5318

Increase your skills and ability to work with people experiencing complex care needs resulting from addiction and mental illness.

This program is ideal for team leaders and staff with sufficient work experience within the community services sector. You will gain a deep understanding of the complex and interconnected nature of addiction and drug use.

This program is delivered using a blended model of on-campus workshops and online learning. Workshops are held monthly at the RMIT City campus in Melbourne.

RMIT’s teachers are experienced and highly-skilled professionals currently working in the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and complex care sector.

What You Will Study
You will develop skills and gain advanced knowledge that you can apply directly to your work practice and local environment.

This program consists of 19 core units covering topics such as:

— improving your own professional practice
— understanding mental health issues and recovery processes
— working effectively with clients with complex AOD issues
— providing a range of services to clients with mental health issues.

During the course of the program you will have the opportunity to access a range of specialist master classes to assist your learning and professional development including:

— reflective practice and journaling
— community education and health promotion
— applying for funding
— professional supervision.

Industry Connections
RMIT works closely with its industry partners to ensure that this program is consistent with industry needs. This program maintains strong links with the community services sector through facilitation and course design, development, delivery and assessment.

For students who have not worked in the community services sector there may be a requirement to complete some practical placement hours.

Career
With the current shortage of skilled workers in the community services AOD sector, RMIT’s graduates are highly sought after for a wide range of positions including those in:

— detox and rehabilitation services
— psycho-social support services – including residential, day program and outreach
— recreational programs
— justice
— housing
— local government.

Successful completion of this program may provide pathway opportunities into undergraduate and postgraduate studies in social work, youth work or psychology.

Professional Recognition
This nationally-recognised vocational education and training (VET) qualification has been validated by the community services and health industry.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites
Current employment in a community support mental health and/or AOD work role, and a relevant recognised higher education or vocation educational qualification at certificate IV or above.

Selection Tasks
Applicants applying for entry on the basis of work experience must include a CV and statement detailing their experience with their direct application.

Pathways
Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

Student Profile
“The best things about the program were the intensive training courses, including trauma and how to deal with clients who have traumatic backgrounds, as well as learning coping mechanisms.

“As a person I’ve become more confident. I have also learnt how to become more empathetic and I’m now able to strongly assist a client in any way they need. This course will really benefit my career working in alcohol and drugs as well as mental health services.”

Tegan Morley
Diploma of Community Services
(Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)
Diploma of Community Services Work

RMIT Code: C5330 ........................................ FT1 – D
National Course Code: CHC50612
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c5330 CITY CAMPUS

This program will equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in a variety of roles in the community services sector.

You will be prepared for careers in a range of organisations, including performing case work, providing client services, and supporting youth and families in a range of social, community and welfare organisations. You may also seek employment in community education or development projects.

You will have the opportunity to participate in site visits, and interact with individuals and groups within the community services sector. There will be 200 hours of work placement throughout the program.

What You Will Study
Over the course of the year you will develop advanced skills in:
— community development
— case management
— impact of sociological factors on clients
— counselling
— client development
— conducting group activities
— assessment and referrals.

Classes are designed to provide maximum class interaction, discussion and development of ideas and skills.

Industry Connections
Specialist guest speakers will provide insights into current workplace practices and emerging issues.

If you are not currently employed in the community services sector, you will have the opportunity to undertake 200 hours of work placement, which will provide you with current workplace experience.

Career
The program equips you with vocational skills and knowledge that will enable you to seek employment in the community services sector in a wide range of service delivery roles in aged care, disability, mental health and many other areas.

Occupational titles may include:
— assessor
— case worker or manager
— client service assessor
— community services worker
— early intervention worker
— family support worker
— pastoral care counsellor or manager
— senior youth officer or chaplain
— welfare worker.

Non-government organisations often require this program for the development of their community services workforce.

Professional Recognition
This nationally recognised vocational education and training (VET) qualification has been validated by the community services and health industry.

Entry Requirements
Applicants must be able to provide evidence of their experience and knowledge of community work and/or community services.

Applicants must be able to:
— apply knowledge with depth in some areas and demonstration of a broad range of technical and other skills
— perform a wide range of tasks and roles in a variety of contexts, with complexity in the range and choices of actions required and including work with culturally diverse clients and co-workers
— exercise discretionary judgement and decision making under general guidance.

Applicants can provide evidence of this through completion of a Certificate IV in Community Services Work (see page 15) or equivalent qualification, or through relevant work experience.

Prerequisites
None

Selection Tasks
Applicants applying for entry on the basis of work experience must include a CV and direct applicant statement detailing their experience with their application.

Applicants must provide evidence of a satisfactory Working with Children check prior to starting placement. You will also need to obtain evidence of a Police Check to ensure participation in work placement.

Pathways
Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

You will have the opportunity to undertake 200 hours of work placement.

Graduates are highly employable and may find work as community workers, counsellor advocates, case managers or child protection officers.
Diploma of Youth Work

RMIT Code: C5331 | FT1 – D
National Course Code: CHC50413
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c5331
CITY CAMPUS

This program is designed for practitioners already involved in the community sector or holders of the Certificate IV in Youth Work, to enhance your existing skills and knowledge.

You will learn a variety of skills and strategies to develop programs and services for young people.

This program will enable you to:

— build and establish strong working relationships
— focus on objectives for the benefit of clients and the organisation
— help you develop your own leadership style.

Delivered through weekly workshops each Wednesday afternoon and evening at the RMIT City campus, the program allows you to maximise your opportunities for skills development at work.

What You Will Study
Over the course of the year you will develop advanced skills in:

— case management
— community development
— effective communication
— mental health
— crisis intervention
— legal and ethical issues.

Industry Connections
Many students who undertake this program are currently working (in a paid or honorary capacity) in a relevant field. Those who are not will be required to complete 240 hours of work-integrated learning (WIL) as part of their studies.

Career
The role of a youth worker offers many exciting and challenging career opportunities.

With the current shortage of skilled workers in the community services sector, RMIT graduates are highly sought after for a wide range of positions including those in:

— psycho-social support services including residential, day program and outreach
— recreational programs
— juvenile justice
— housing
— schools
— local government.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites
Applicants must be recognised through a training program or recognition process in core units of competency from the Certificate IV in Youth Work, or have significant experience in the youth sector.

Selection Tasks
Applicants must include within their application an explanation of their reasons for wanting to study youth work, their intended career path, the personal strengths and attributes they will bring to the program, and include details of any relevant work or other experience. Applicants must also include a resume and two references in support of their application. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview.

Pathways
Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

Student Profile

“The best part of the Diploma of Youth Work was the wide range of topics covered, especially how to engage with young people effectively and facilitate programs to achieve better outcomes for them.

“The change I noticed about myself during this program is that my confidence lifted. I felt I was able to take on more leadership responsibilities amongst my team and also on programs with young people. As a result of doing this program my career can take the next step. If you are interested in doing this program, go for it. There are lot of tools to be learnt, people to meet, it opens up avenues and it’s an incredible experience.”

Robert Johnston
Diploma of Youth Work

www.tinyurl.com/RobertJohnston-YouthWork
Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs

RMIT Code: C4328
National Course Code: CHC40412
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c4328

Provide a range of services and intervention strategies to clients needing complex care or with alcohol and other drug issues.

If you’re motivated to work with people struggling with alcohol and drug dependency, this program will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to make a difference to their lives.

Graduates are employed in a range of contexts such as community mental health and alcohol and other drugs (AOD) organisations, residential rehabilitation services and outreach services.

Local students can undertake this program as a traineeship.

What You Will Study

Through this program, you will explore the complex and interconnected nature of addiction and drug use and the relationship it has with mental health.

This program consists of nine core courses and seven elective courses.

You will study:
- case management
- effective communication
- first aid
- mental health
- crisis intervention
- legal and ethical issues.

Electives allow you to develop additional skills in:
- recognising client needs
- working with culturally diverse clients
- group and outreach work
- suicide intervention and prevention.

Industry Connections

To further develop your skills you will undertake 180 hours of industry placement over the course of the year, complementing what you’re learning in class.

Many learning activities take place outside the nominated class time include field trips to:
- Aradale Psychiatric Hospital, Ararat
- Dax Gallery, which houses one of the largest displays of artwork created by people with mental illness
- the Neighbourhood Justice Centre – a specialist magistrates’ court for people experiencing a range of social and health issues.

In addition to these field trips, you will also undertake:
- the Youth Mental Health First Aid program
- a two-day motivational interviewing workshop
- a two-day workshop exploring the impact of addiction and incarceration on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island population.

You will need to undergo a Police Check and Working with Children Check before your placement can begin.

RMIT works closely with its industry partners to ensure that this program is consistent with industry needs.

Career

With the current shortage of skilled workers in the community services AOD sector, RMIT’s graduates are highly sought after for a wide range of positions including:
- detox and rehabilitation services
- psycho-social support services – including residential, day program and outreach
- recreational programs
- justice
- housing
- local government.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites

None

Selection Tasks

Applicants must complete and submit a VTAC Personal Statement online explaining their reasons for wanting to study in the AOD sector, their intended career path, the personal strengths and attributes they will bring to the program, and include details of any relevant work or other experience. Applicants should provide other documents in support of their application, including a resume and two references. Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview.

Please refer to VTAC for full details on selection requirements.

Pathways

Graduates may apply for exemptions from the Bachelor of Social Science (Youth Work).

Student Profile

*Lina Do
Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs Work*

*I’ve always wanted a challenging career assisting people. A career in the alcohol and drugs sector will give me an opportunity to make a difference and make this community a better and safer place.

“The program covers areas such as youth mental health, which has given me the skills to recognise signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in young people and provides strategies for resolving crises. The teachers have a genuine passion for what they teach and have immense knowledge and experience in the industry. They also organise a career expo to connect you with employers and help you find work.”*
Certificate IV in Community Services Work

RMIT Code: C4357 ........................................ FT1 – V
National Course Code: CHC40708
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c4357 City Campus

The program is designed to equip you with the essential entry-level knowledge and skills necessary for a variety of work roles in the community services sector, as well as for further study.

What You Will Study
Through this program, you will gain skills and knowledge that are directly applicable to workplace practices.

You will develop skills in:
— community development
— responding to children and young people at risk
— communication
— working within ethical frameworks
— client services
— client issues
— effective work environments
— working with culturally diverse clients and co-workers.

Industry Connections
This program content is work focused, and allows you to apply skills and knowledge learned in the program directly to your individual workplace. RMIT works closely with major Victorian community services employers to meet the needs of people who are entering the community services workforce, and also provides the ongoing up-skilling needs of existing workers. All teachers within the program have extensive industry experience and networks with industry partners.

Career
As a graduate you will be able to perform a broad range of roles in the community services sector. Some of these roles are:
— health education officer
— community services worker
— outreach officer
— community support worker
— support worker
— welfare support worker
— early intervention homelessness worker
— welfare worker
— family support worker.

Entry Requirements
Prerequisites
None

Selection Tasks
Successful applicants will be subject to police checks prior to practical placements.

Pathways
Graduates of the Certificate IV in Community Services Work are eligible to enrol in the Diploma of Community Services Work, subject to certain criteria.

Staff Profile
“During my time at RMIT I have taught into a range of programs, including youth work and alcohol and other drugs programs and more recently into the Diploma and Certificate IV in Community Services Work. I have a strong interest in developing curriculum for competency-based programs that meet the needs of industry. I am currently completing my Master of Social Work – complementing my interest in capacity building and quality service delivery within the community sector. RMIT is a great and dynamic place to work and study. I have been given the opportunity to grow professionally and take on new challenges.”

Zaina Nehme
Program Coordinator and Teacher
Diploma and Certificate IV in Community Services Work
Certificate IV in Disability

RMIT Code: C4329
National Course Code: CHC40312
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c4329

Support people with disabilities to achieve greater levels of independence, self-reliance and community participation.

The launch of the National Disability Insurance Scheme means Australia is developing a world-class industry to support people with disabilities.

This program focuses on the provision of services to people who have a disability (sensory, multiple, intellectual or acquired).

This program will help you start a new career in a growth industry, supporting clients, their families and other professional staff to identify each client’s needs and implement individualised developmental plans.

You will be qualified to work in:
— residential group homes
— training resource centres
— day program settings
— open and supported employment services
— community settings
— clients’ homes.

What You Will Study

This workplace-based program is designed to meet the training needs of staff currently working in the disability field.

You will complete 10 core units and five elective units.

You will gain the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude to work directly with people with a disability in their homes, further education programs, recreation programs or employment.

Industry Connections

You will undertake workplace-based projects to apply your learning to the job.

The projects you undertake promote skill development and are directly related to improving your work practices.

RMIT works with disability organisations in Victoria and interstate to deliver contextualised programs that strongly link formal learning with professional or vocational practice.

Career

Graduates work in:
— training and support programs
— employment services
— recreational programs
— community health services
— residential and institutional settings
— outreach services.

These roles may report to service coordinators, supervisors or managers and may liaise with health professionals and other disability or community service agencies.

Professional recognition

This nationally recognised vocational education and training (VET) qualification has been validated by the community services and health industry.

The Certificate IV in Disability Work is recognised in the Victorian disability sector as the base qualification for work in government and non-government disability services.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites

None

Selection Tasks

Applicants must attend an interview.

Pathways

Graduates may pursue further study in the Diploma of Disability Work, or undergraduate studies in youth work, social work and other related areas.

Student Profile

“I was inspired by my elderly family members to study aged care at RMIT because I want to give them the care they deserve. It’s challenging work but really rewarding when you are able to help others who are in need.

“RMIT gave me insight into the practical and theoretical aspects of aged care and provided me the opportunity to have a work placement at a local aged care centre. I was offered a job immediately after my work placement.”

Agnes Luangpraseuth
Certificate III in Aged Care

Certificate IV in Youth Work

RMIT Code: C4352
National Course Code: CHC40413
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c4352

Gain entry into the community services sector and fulfil your passion for working with young people.

This program provides you with the knowledge and skills required to work with and support 10 to 25 year olds.

The role of a youth worker is diverse, with many exciting and challenging career opportunities. You will learn to develop and facilitate programs for young people through a range of community-based programs addressing the social, behavioural, health and welfare, developmental and protection needs of young people.

Your teachers are experienced and highly skilled professionals currently working in the youth work sector. The program combines workshops, field trips and practical work experience.

This program is also offered as a traineeship for local students. Please contact RMIT’s School of Global, Urban and Social Studies for details.

What You Will Study

This program consists of 14 core courses and four elective courses.

You will study:
— case management
— community development
— effective communication
— alcohol, other drugs and mental health issues
— crisis intervention
— legal and ethical issues.

Electives allow you to develop additional skills in:
— first aid
— outreach work
— child protection.

Industry Connections

To further develop your skills you will undertake 180 hours of industry placement over the course of the year, complementing what you’re learning in class.

You will be expected to get involved in a variety of community services through placement and project work.

You will need to undergo a Police Check and Working with Children Check before your placement and project work begin.
Certificate III in Aged Care

RMIT Code: C3304 ............... 6 months intensive – 
National Course Code: CHC30212
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c3304 CITY CAMPUS OR
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Get hands-on with this career and play a critical role in caring for the elderly and their families.

With an ageing population, there is an increasing demand for aged care workers in Australia.

This nationally recognised qualification is the perfect introduction to your future career in the community services industry, and provides an excellent pathway for entering into a range of community services and health professions.

You will learn how to support the residents in relation to their:

— personal care
— health and psychological care
— independence.

Local students can undertake this program as a traineeship.

What You Will Study

This program is delivered in an intensive format over six months. It will equip you with the broad knowledge base you need to provide a holistic, empathetic and best-practice model of care to a diverse client group.

You will develop skills in order to carry out activities that maintain personal care and assist people in their homes or other community settings.

Industry Connections

You will undertake a practical work placement of approximately 150 hours in a residential aged care facility.

Work placement applies the critical knowledge and skills gained during the program. You will be assessed by an RMIT placement coordinator during your placement.

If you are working, particularly in a job that is related to your studies, you may have the opportunity to be assessed at your workplace for some or all of your courses.

Career

A career in aged and home care will see you providing a range of support services, including:

— health monitoring
— personal care
— environmental and social
— information and advocacy.

As a qualified care worker, you will find employment in:

— aged care residential facilities
— home support
— supported residential accommodation
— adult day services
— disability support.

Global Opportunities

You will have the opportunity to apply your knowledge to real-life projects in international contexts. RMIT students have been leading participants in project teams working with partner organisations in the United Kingdom, the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and the US.

A recent five-week study tour saw youth work students in placements across the UK in various youth organisations including Torbay Youth Services, London and YouthScotland, Edinburgh and Youth Action, Belfast.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites
None

Selection Tasks

Applicants must complete and submit a VTAC Personal Statement online explaining their reasons for wanting to study youth work, their intended career path, the personal strengths and attributes they will bring to the course, and include details of any relevant work or other experience. Applicants should provide other documents in support of their application, including a resume and two references. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview.

Please refer to VTAC for full details on selection requirements.

Play a critical role in learning how to care for the elderly.

Make a difference in the lives of others who need your care.

Develop the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to function effectively and confidently in aged care facilities or in community settings.

Professional recognition

The community services training program has been developed in consultation with the community services industry. As this certificate is nationally recognised, you can work anywhere in Australia.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites
None

Selection Tasks

Successful applicants will be subject to police checks prior to practical placements.
Engage with the challenges, opportunities and diversity brought about by a rapidly changing global environment.

From policy making in China to community development in South America, graduates of international studies at RMIT land upon a range of dynamic careers across the globe.

You will gain knowledge of global intercultural, social, linguistic and political issues and processes. Offering specialist studies in topics such as global interconnectedness, international relations and languages other than English, this program lets you choose your own adventure.

If you have a passion for international affairs and cultural diversity, this program will prepare you for a highly versatile, articulate and imaginative future.

What You Will Study

International Studies Sequence
You will explore intercultural and cross-cultural issues through innovative, problem-based learning experiences including:

- global history
- global political processes
- international political economy
- human mobility
- risk and global governance
- international human rights and law.

You will also undertake an international internship for a minimum of two months and conduct an independent research project.

Language Sequence
You will specialise in languages other than English, choosing from a selection of languages offered through cross-institutional enrolment.

You will also study global language issues and professional communication.

Elective Sequence
You will choose specialised courses in areas including:

- diplomacy and security
- international aid and development
- justice
- business
- media, culture and communications
- public policy
- environmental sustainability
- community service
- indigenous studies.

Industry Connections
As part of your studies you will undertake a professional internship with an international organisation either in Australia or overseas.

Previous students have completed their internships in organisations and locations such as:

- United Nations, Geneva
- Australian overseas missions in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Paris and New York
- UN Development Programme offices in Lebanon and the Philippines
- UN refugee agencies in Turkey and Washington
- International Organisation for Migration in Vietnam, Egypt and Colombia
- Australian Chamber of Commerce in Beijing
- Plan International in the UK and Australia
- NGOs and project management companies in Melbourne.

Student interns have engaged in activities such as supporting diplomatic staff, providing services to refugee youth and strengthening business ties between international firms.

Career
This program prepares you for professional employment in a range of local and overseas organisations with international orientations including government, business, non-government organisations and community organisations.

Global Opportunities

This program prepares you to apply your knowledge of globalisation, language and culture in international workplace settings.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in overseas exchange programs and study tours as part of a close-knit and vibrant student community.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites
Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in any English (except EAL) or at least 30 in English (EAL).

Selection Tasks
Applicants may need to submit a VTAC Personal Statement online.

Please refer to VTAC for full details on selection requirements.

Pathways

Graduates from a range of RMIT vocational education programs may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Arts (International Studies).

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

honours

RMIT offers a Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) (Honours) degree


Laura Bishop
Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)

Laura Bishop is helping save the lives of Ethiopian mothers through her work as national manager of EthioPiaid, which aims to improve health and education in Ethiopia.

Since graduating from RMIT, Laura has worked extensively overseas, including working alongside asylum seekers and refugees under threat of deportation in South Africa. She has also run education and empowerment programs for young offenders in a maximum security prison in Cape Town.

“RMIT’s international studies program encourages you to view the world with fresh eyes. Be prepared to work hard, be prepared to argue your beliefs and be prepared to meet people who will change your opinion of the world. But most importantly, enter with an open mind.”

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Advanced Diploma of Interpreting

RMIT Code: C6134  FT0.5 or PT1 – D
National Course Code: PSP61112
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c6134  CITYキャンペーン

A professional-level interpreter training program that trains you to interpret in complex settings. This program is suitable for people with advanced bilingual skills.

You will be able to specialise in areas such as legal and medical knowledge and terminology.

RMIT is a leader in delivering interpreting programs, and places a strong emphasis on producing work-ready graduates who can specialise in various fields.

Before you apply, you are strongly advised to visit the website to confirm your language of choice is offered. In your application form please identify the language you would like to train in.

What You Will Study

You will learn to interpret in complex settings by studying:

— theoretical approaches
— discourse management strategies
— transfer skills
— interpreting via communication media
— interpreting as part of a team
— professional practice issues.

Through classes, workshops and guided group and individual learning activities, you will practise your interpreting skills and gain an appreciation of professional ethics and industry knowledge.

Japanese, Mandarin and Korean are only available for full-time study. All other languages are offered as full-time and/or part-time, subject to numbers.

Industry Connections

The program encourages and facilitates visits to workplaces such as community organisations/settings and public service departments/agencies where interpreters are likely to be employed.

To fulfil our work-integrated learning policy and National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd (NAATI) requirements, you will undertake simulated assignments and receive feedback from practising interpreters measured against industry standards.

Members of teaching staff are all NAATI accredited and from industry. They bring a wealth of experience and current knowledge and skills into the classes.

The program’s strong connections to the community service, legal and medical sectors facilitate access to volunteering and possible employment opportunities.

Career

Demand for qualified interpreters is increasing. This is due to high levels of interaction between people and cultures as a result of globalised economies and advanced technology.

Graduates of this program will be qualified professional interpreters, subject to meeting national certification standards (NAATI).

You may be employed as a contractor to interpreting service providers or in public and private sector organisations such as hospitals, courts, businesses, government departments, or work as a freelancer.

The NAATI professional level certification is well known and well regarded in the international employment market, especially in the business and diplomatic fields.

Professional recognition

This program is approved by NAATI.

If you achieve standards required by NAATI as a graduate, you will be recommended to NAATI for certification at the professional level without further testing.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites

Units 3 and 4 – English (any).

Selection Tasks

Applicants must sit a bilingual intake test.

Pathways

Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

Graduates who have a bachelor degree can apply for the Graduate Diploma in Translating and Interpreting, or Master of Translating and Interpreting.

Student Profile

“I was looking to improve my language skills and the interpreting program at RMIT was recommended to me. The teachers are always helpful and the facilities are amazing. We do role plays and practise with online tools that simulate real workplace environments. If you really want to get into translating or interpreting, then my advice would be to go to RMIT.”

Takahiro Kawabata
Diploma of Interpreting
Advanced Diploma of Translating

RMIT Code: C6133
National Course Code: PSP61012
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c6133

A professional-level translator training program that trains you to translate special purpose texts. This program is suitable for people with advanced bilingual skills.

Professional translators provide a critical service to government and private agencies, translating documents crucial to diplomatic, legal, cultural and business activities. In multicultural societies, translators contribute to the successful social inclusion of migrant communities by translating government and community service documents into the community languages.

RMIT is the leader in delivering translator training programs, and places a strong emphasis on producing work-ready graduates who are competent in working in various contextual areas.

Before you apply, you are strongly advised to check the website to confirm your language combination is offered. In your application, please identify the language combination you would like to be trained in.

What You Will Study
You will complete six core courses and six elective courses.
You will learn to translate special purpose texts by studying:

--- theoretical approaches
--- transfer skills
--- discourse analysis strategies
--- translating of multimedia materials
--- computer-assisted translation tools
--- professional practice issues.

Industry Connections
To fulfill our work-integrated learning policy and National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd (NAATI) requirements, you will undertake simulated assignments and receive feedback from practising interpreters measured against industry standards.

Members of teaching staff are all NAATI accredited professional translators and have practised in the industry. They bring in a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills to the classes. The program’s strong connections to the community service, legal and medical sectors facilitate access to volunteering and possible employment opportunities.

Career
Demand for independent professional translators is increasing. This is due to high levels of interaction between people and cultures as a result of globalised economies and advanced technology.

Graduates of this program will be qualified professional translators, subject to meeting national certification standards (NAATI).
Graduates work as contractors to translating agencies or in public and private sector organisations, or practise as freelancers. You will be prepared to work in domains that include legal, business, health, education and a wide range of community service contexts.

Professional recognition
This program is approved by NAATI.
The NAATI professional-level certification is well known and well regarded in the international employment market.

Entry Requirements
Prerequisites
Units 3 and 4 – English (any).

Selection Tasks
Applicants must sit a bilingual intake test.

Pathways
Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.
Graduates who have a bachelor degree can apply for the Graduate Diploma in Translating and Interpreting, or Master of Translating and Interpreting.

Diploma of Interpreting

RMIT Code: C5328
National Course Code: PSP52412
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c5328

A preparatory interpreting program that trains you to facilitate cross-cultural communication in a broad range of settings.

Chinese and Japanese are also offered in full-time mode (one year) for beginners.

This diploma is your first step towards professional practice and is suited to bilinguals who have not yet reached the required level of language proficiency and general knowledge for the advanced diploma.

You will gain basic oral transfer skills for interpreting in general, professional and contextual settings, and choose elective units in legal and medical knowledge and terminology.

This program is now offered online for certain languages so you can access this training from anywhere in Australia. Please note that not all languages are available for online study.

RMIT is a leader in delivering interpreting programs, and places a strong emphasis on producing work-ready graduates who who are competent in working in various contextual areas.

Before you apply, you are strongly advised to check the website to confirm your language of choice is offered.

What You Will Study
You will complete six core courses and four elective courses.

This program introduces you to the profession of interpreting and will train you to:
--- analyse, recall and reproduce source language messages in the target language in a broad range of settings
--- apply effective linguistic transfer skills and discourse management strategies.

Through classes, workshops and guided group and individual learning activities, you will practise your interpreting skills and gain an appreciation of professional ethics and industry knowledge.

Japanese, Mandarin and Korean are only available for full-time study. All other languages are offered as full-time and/or part-time, subject to numbers.

Staff Profile

"Our language courses are made up of diverse cohorts of students from all areas of study across the University. This makes for a really rich and interesting learning environment, where students learn from each other as well as from what we bring to the classroom as educators.

"I strongly believe that learning another language opens doors to understanding other ways of seeing the world – an increasingly essential asset in our globalised times. I find it extremely rewarding to be able to open these doors for our students, and a privilege to work in such a varied and stimulating environment."

Dr Kerry Mullan
Senior Lecturer, Coordinator French Studies
## Diploma of Languages

**RMIT Code:** DP005 .......... PT3–4 (All languages) –

In many cases, up to four of the eight courses in the diploma can be cross-credited to both the diploma and your main RMIT study program. You can study the diploma concurrently with many RMIT programs. This may not be appropriate with another tertiary institution may be eligible to apply for exemptions. Students with prior language study undertaken at

### Entry Requirements

- **Prerequisites**
  - Units 3 and 4 – English (any).

- **Selection Tasks**
  - Applicants must sit a bilingual test.

### Pathways

Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT courses with a range of electives related to language and cross-cultural communication. Students with prior studies may also learn additional languages as electives within the program.

In many cases, up to four of the eight courses in the diploma can be cross-credited to both the diploma and your main RMIT study program. You can also fast track this diploma by taking spring and summer courses.

### Industry Connections

RMIT works closely with foreign governments, embassies, chambers of commerce and cultural organisations. These organisations provide support in the form of:

- mobility scholarships for language students
- local and overseas internships
- language learning resources
- support for language assistants and teachers
- hosting collaborative events.

You will be able to undertake language proficiency tests that are internationally recognised by respective governments, employers and educational institutions.

### Career

This program prepares you for a career in a wide range of workplaces, particularly specialist positions in:

- language teaching
- translating
- interpreting
- tourism
- hospitality.

Knowledge of another language and an awareness of cross-cultural communication are valued skills across many different industries.

### Global Opportunities

Internships and exchange programs may be completed locally or overseas, working with organisations in a country that speaks your chosen language. Examples of these include:

- Young Australian Ambassadors Delegation
- French company internship program
- RMIT International Experience and Research Program.

### Entry Requirements

- **Prerequisites**
  - Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 20 in any English (except EAL) or at least 25 in English (EAL).

- **Selection Tasks**
  - Applicants should be enrolled concurrently in an undergraduate degree at RMIT or other institution.

### Pathways

Students with prior language study undertaken at another tertiary institution may be eligible to apply for exemptions.

Graduates may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into a range of RMIT bachelor degrees.

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

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**Languages**

### Industry Connections

Some of your assessment tasks will involve visiting workplaces such as community organisations/ settings and public service departments/ agencies where interpreters are likely to be employed.

To fulfil our work-integrated learning policy and NAATI requirements, you will undertake simulated assignments and receive feedback from practising interpreters measured against industry standards.

Members of teaching staff are practitioners from industry which means you are immediately exposed to the real world of interpreting. The program’s strong connections to the community service, legal and medical sectors facilitate access to volunteering and possible employment opportunities for students.

### Career

Graduates of this program will be qualified paraprofessional interpreters subject to meeting national certification standards (NAATI).

You may be employed as a contractor to interpreting service providers or in public and private sector organisations such as hospitals, courts, businesses or government departments, or work as a freelancer.

This program is a preferred qualification as proof of bilingual skills by many international/multinational organisations and agencies, as well as government departments.

### Professional Recognition

This program is approved by NAATI.

If you achieve standards required by NAATI as a graduate, you will be recommended to NAATI for certification at the paraprofessional level.

The NAATI certifications are well known and well regarded in the international employment market, especially in the business and diplomatic fields.

### Entry Requirements

- **Prerequisites**
  - Units 3 and 4 – English (any).

- **Selection Tasks**
  - Applicants must sit a bilingual test.

### Pathways

Graduates can apply for exemptions from the:

- Advanced Diploma of Interpreting
- Advanced Diploma of Translating
- Bachelor of Arts (International Studies).

Diploma of Interpreting graduates with a bachelor degree can apply for the Graduate Diploma in Translating and Interpreting, or Master of Translating and Interpreting.
Psychology explores the science of the mind and human nature. You will examine mental states and processes and how they affect human behaviour. RMIT’s psychology program is based on how human research applies to actual situations and is aimed at resolving real human problems.

As a psychology student you will gain strong theoretical and practical skills. The program is the basis for further study if you want to become a practising psychologist or use your study in other careers.

Note: to register as a psychologist, you will need to complete the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) degree, the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) (Honours) and the Master of Psychology (two years full-time), or equivalent programs recognised by the Australian Psychological Society. (including theories of intelligence)

You will also study these principles of psychology:

— personality
— psychopathology
— social psychology.

**Year One**

You will study these foundation areas:

— biological bases of behaviour including brain

— behaviour relationships, sensation, perception and consciousness

— theories of learning, memory and cognition

— including theories of intelligence

— theories of emotion, motivation and stress.

You will also study these principles of psychology:

— personality
— psychopathology
— social psychology.

**Year Two**

You will study biological psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, research methods in psychology and social psychology.

**Year Three**

The third year includes philosophy and methodology of psychology, psychological assessment and individual differences, psychology in society and organisations, psychopathology and models of intervention, and a research project.

The electives are cross-cultural and organisational psychology, forensic psychology, psychology of gender or health, and sport psychology.

**Industry Connections**

The program involves a research project where you work one-on-one with staff on staff-initiated research projects.

You will also have the option of completing a 15-day industry placement.

**Career**

As a graduate of the psychology program, you can work in areas such as organisational management, health, sport, cross-cultural studies, counselling, HR, working with people with disabilities, research, training, marketing research and with further study, teaching.

**Professional Recognition**

The psychology major in the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) is a partial requirement for membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

www.psychology.org.au

It is also a partial requirement for registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia, subject to further study or clinical practice.

www.psychologyboard.gov.au

This program has been accredited with the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council until 2017.

**Student Profile**

“I chose to study at RMIT because I was drawn to its outstanding reputation locally and internationally. The degree offers a theoretical framework of psychology alongside a practical perspective.

“The most important skill I’ve learned so far is how to think critically – not taking information at face value. Not only is it a valuable skill to have for academic purposes, it is also applicable in everyday life.

“My advice to prospective students is to always follow your passion, keep working on your goals and believe in yourself. The lecturers are very approachable and helpful. Plus there are also the learning centres that can help you in all your academic needs.”

Jazmine Perez
Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology)

**Honours**

RMIT offers a Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) (Honours) degree.


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**Entry Requirements**

**Prerequisites**

Units 1 and 2 – mathematics (any). Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Psychology or Physics; and a study score of at least 25 in any English (except EAL) or at least 30 in English (EAL).

**Selection Tasks**

Non-Year 12 applicants must complete and submit a VTAC Personal Statement online if they wish other information to be considered.

Please refer to VTAC for full details on selection requirements.

Note: all students undertaking placements are required to have a clear, current police check and a Working with Children check at the beginning of each academic year.

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**LEGEND**

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Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)

RMIT Code: BP112 ................................. FT3 – V
2015 Clearly-in ATAR: ........................................ 88.40
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp112  CITY CAMPUS

Explore the way social and cultural conditions shape our psychological makeup and affect human experience and behaviour.

Psychologists work in a multitude of areas varying from supporting individuals, to designing and implementing policies and campaigns that affect the lives of thousands.

This program has been designed for people looking for a social science degree with a psychology specialisation. It is ideal for those who plan to work in areas that call for a grasp of the insights, traditions and practices of psychology and the social sciences, such as:

- human services organisations
- community-based agencies
- human resource management
- multicultural agencies
- educational settings.

You may undertake further study to qualify as a clinical psychologist, or alternatively to apply your training in psychology and sociology to fields as diverse as education and training, health and welfare, and human resource management.

This program is also available as a double degree: Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)/Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) (see page 25).

What You Will Study

Year One
You will study the foundations and principles of psychology, as well as social science units that explore:

- environmental studies
- economics
- social constructionism
- philosophy
- sociology
- politics.

Year Two
The emphasis shifts from social science to psychology. Here you will explore:

- biological psychology
- developmental psychology
- cognitive psychology
- social psychology.

Year Three
You will undertake a 35-day professional work placement and also cover advanced psychology courses on:

- psychological assessment
- the philosophy of psychology
- psychopathology
- program management and evaluation.

Industry Connections
Field education is a major feature of the program, where students learn in the workplace under the supervision of an experienced practitioner. A professional work placement allows students to work in human services organisations under the supervision of a qualified psychologist.

As well as gaining practical experience, field education allows you to develop networks and career opportunities.

Career
You will enjoy excellent employment prospects in the public, private and community sectors.

The skills learned in this program are especially relevant to areas such as child protection, human resource management, education, welfare and the health sector and in community-based agencies.

Graduates find work in areas including:

- federal and state government departments (Centrelink, Department of Human Services
- disability services
- rehabilitation services
- community development programs
- dispute mediation
- employment placement and case management
- immigration advice and referral centres.

Student Profile

“A degree in psychology and social sciences is the launching pad for an incredibly enriching, satisfying and challenging career. This program equips you to think about and analyse both individuals and society. It provides an environment that encourages curiosity and questions, and facilitates ways to answer these questions thoughtfully and systematically.

“The field placement in my final year was really rewarding. I worked at the Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS), which led to ongoing employment as an outreach worker.”

Kathryn Daley
Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)

Professional recognition
This program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) which is the professional accreditation body for tertiary psychology courses.

Successful completion of an APAC-accredited psychology specialisation is a partial requirement for registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Global Opportunities
RMIT University has exchange partners all over the world in locations including Mexico, China and Chile. You are encouraged to take one semester of this program at a partner university. By combining international exchange, professional internship and international research projects, you may be away for an entire year.

Entry Requirements

Prerequisites

For more information about pathways visit www.rmit.edu.au/socialhumanities/pathways.

Students seeking to qualify as a practising psychologist must apply for either entry to honours, or to an equivalent graduate year of study in psychology.

Students who continue study and successfully complete a fourth year (honours or equivalent) qualify for registration as a probationary psychologist. Another two years of study, generally taken as a Master of Psychology, qualifies you as a psychologist.
This program prepares you for effective professional practice in social work and related practice areas leading to employment in human service work, health, government and community-based agencies.

You will learn to apply interdisciplinary knowledge about social problems and human needs to work towards a socially just world.

The degree combines social work theory, practice skills and foundation studies in social science. You will undertake courses in sociology, politics, social theory, social policy and psychology. In the final year you will undertake a research project in your chosen area of social work practice.

RMIT has teaching social work for over 40 years and the programs continue to reflect up-to-date ideas about social work and its place in a changing world.

RMIT’s classroom is the city and its graduates are resilient, outspoken members of society who advocate a fairer world for all.

What You Will Study

Many courses, particularly in the first year, are taken in common with students from psychology, international studies, youth work and legal studies.

The program comprises five streams:

Social sciences — including sociology, politics, social theory, social policy and psychology.

Theory and practice — a sequence of courses that span the four years and that share an explicit set of values and theoretical approaches related to social justice.

Field education — allows you to develop practical experience, networks, career opportunities and employment outcomes.

Specialisation — enables you to pursue your chosen area of interest in greater depth.

Policy and research — courses in research, program evaluation and policy development.

Industry Connections

RMIT and community service organisations work together to provide field education.

Field education forms a large component of the social work program. You will undertake 140 days of work placements under the supervision of an experienced practitioner.

Placements may be arranged locally, with some opportunity for interstate or overseas placements for the final placement.

Work placements may be available in organisations such as:

- ASRC (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre)
- Anglicare
- Department of Human Services – child protection
- Foundations for Survivors of Torture
- Oxfam Australia
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Department of Education
- Salvation Army Crisis Services
- Centrelink.

Career

Graduates are highly employable in human services organisations, community-based agencies, various levels of government, and increasingly in corporate and private enterprise.

Some graduates help to develop social policy; some engage in research; some assist communities develop their own services; some provide services to individuals and families. In a social work career, there are ample opportunities to pursue different specialisations and interests in:

- child protection
- dispute mediation and industrial relations
- health services and hospitals
- human resource management
- policy and advocacy work
- community development projects
- program and organisational development
- immigration advice and referral centres
- federal and state government departments (Centrelink, Department of Human Services)
- youth and family services.

Student Profile

“Social work at RMIT is about embarking on a career that can help you discover more about yourself and society.

“The lecturers are amazing and, importantly, have a voice. Industry representatives guest speak to the students and share amazing stories from the field. Thanks to RMIT I now feel competent, confident and courageous to embark on a promising and rewarding career.”

Despina Filippaki
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
This double degree combines social work and psychology to give you a unique and broad grounding in both areas.

Social workers and psychologists often work side by side in organisations where a ‘balancing act’ of expertise from both areas is required.

This program will increase your knowledge and understanding of human development, human needs and personal problems and how these interact within individual, group, organisational, community and policy contexts.

You will be prepared for employment in general social work practice and settings requiring an understanding of psychology, where you will be able to apply interdisciplinary knowledge about Australian society, social issues and social problems.

**What You Will Study**

**Year One**

You will undertake foundational studies in social work, psychology, politics, and sociology.

**Year Two**

You will develop a solid grounding in the theory and practice of social work as well as cognitive and developmental psychology.

**Year Three**

You will expand on the knowledge gained in previous years in the areas of biological psychology, mental health and public policy. You will also undertake a 70-day field education placement.

**Year Four**

You will acquire a legal understanding of social work practice, working with violence and abuse, and extend your knowledge of psychological assessment and psychopathology.

**Year Five**

You will develop skills in program management and evaluation, influencing social policy and research. You will also undertake a 70-day field education placement and undertake a research project in your chosen area of professional practice.

**Industry Connections**

Field education forms a large component of the social work program. You will be supervised by an experienced practitioner in both of your field placements.

You will undertake a 70-day field education placement in the second semester of the third and fifth years.

As well as gaining practical experience, field education facilitates the development of personal networks and professional career opportunities. Placements may be arranged locally, with some opportunity for interstate or overseas placements for the final placement.

Work placements may be available in organisations such as:

- ASRC (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre)
- Anglicare
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**Career**

Graduates are highly employable in human services organisations, community-based agencies, various levels of government, and increasingly in corporate and private enterprise.

There are ample opportunities to pursue different specialisations and interests.

Equipped with your working knowledge of social science, psychology and social work, you will be eligible for a wide range of human services or community jobs.

**Professional recognition**

This program is an Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) accredited qualification. It is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS). Graduates are eligible for membership of the AASW, which is a professional association.

This program is accredited by the professional accreditation body for tertiary psychology courses, the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

Successful completion of an APAC-accredited psychology specialisation is a partial requirement for registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

**Entry Requirements**

**Prerequisites**

Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in any English (except EAL) or at least 30 in English (EAL).

**Selection Tasks**

Applicants may need to submit a VTAC Personal Statement online.

Please refer to VTAC for full details on selection requirements.

**Pathways**

Graduates from a range of RMIT vocational education programs may be eligible for exemptions and gain guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)/Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology).


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**Student Profile**

“I moved from a small country town to Melbourne and RMIT not only provided me with a unique program, but was also in the centre of the city. I completed my field education at Youth Justice in Footscray and it was a great experience for my professional and personal development. Workplace experience provided me with the opportunity to see the relevance of units you have already studied and gave me the opportunity to put my skills into practice. If you are looking for a career that is ever changing, interesting and always different, the social working field is for you. RMIT provided me with connections in the workforce and the necessary experience to be career ready when leaving university.”

Katie Webster

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) and Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
How to Apply

Before applying for a program at RMIT, refer to the program information available at www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us. All the information you need to apply is at www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit

Current Year 12 Students
If you are a current Year 12 student applying for Semester 1, you must apply through VTAC for all programs except some that are certificate III and below, which may require you to submit an RMIT school-based application.

Non-Year 12 Students
If you are a non-Year 12 student applying for Semester 1, you must apply for degrees and associate degrees through VTAC but have the choice of applying for certificate IV, diploma and advanced diplomas either through VTAC or direct to RMIT. Please select one application method only.

RMIT Students and Recent Graduates
Current RMIT students and recent graduates can fast-track their application for a new program by applying direct to RMIT as an internal applicant.

How to Apply by Program and Student Type

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*Some certificate III and below programs are administered by direct application. This will be explained in the individual program information available at www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us.

Study Scores
Study scores listed in this guide are subject to change. Applicants should refer to VTAC for specific prerequisites and study scores.

Important Dates

May 2015
1 Mid-year intake opens
31 Closing date for mid-year timely applications*

August 2015
3 VTAC applications open
9 Direct applications open for degree and diploma programs (Semester 1, 2016 intake)

September 2015
30 Closing date for VTAC timely applications*

October 2015
6 Closing date for VTAC SEAS applications*
31 Closing date for direct applications – selected certificate and diploma programs*

November 2015
6 Closing date for VTAC late applications*
23 Change of Preference opens

December 2015
1 Closing date for direct applications – selected degree, certificate and diploma programs (timely)*
4 Closing date for VTAC very late applications*
14 VCE results and ATAR released*
21 VTAC Change of Preference closes*

January 2016
18 Round 1 offers available through VTAC*

February 2016
4 Round 2 offers available through VTAC*

May 2016
1 Midyear intake opens
31 Closing date for midyear timely applications*

*VTAC dates were in draft status at the time of printing and are subject to change.
*Applications will continue to be accepted for programs that still have places available.

Mid-year Entry (Semester 2)
To apply for mid-year entry for any program other than a certificate III (degree, associate degree, certificate IV, diploma and advanced diploma), you need to submit a direct application to RMIT.

To apply for mid-year entry for a certificate III program, you need to submit an RMIT school-based application.

Not all RMIT programs will accept applications for mid-year entry. A list of programs accepting mid-year applications is published in May on the RMIT website.

Selection Tasks
Many programs at RMIT have selection tasks as part of the selection process, such as:
— an interview
— a test
— a folio
— a supplementary form or pre-selection kit.

It is very important that you carefully read any instructions to complete a program’s selection tasks. Selection tasks are listed under programs on the VTAC or the RMIT websites. Failure to complete these tasks by the date specified will jeopardise entry into a program.

Study Scores
Study scores listed in this guide are subject to change. Applicants should refer to VTAC for specific prerequisites and study scores.
Fee information relates to 2015 and should only be used as a guide.

Fees are set on an annual basis and may be subject to change each calendar year.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

**Fees Explained**

**Tuition Fees for Certificates, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas**

The tuition fees you pay depend on whether you are offered a state government subsidised place or a full-fee place, based on the eligibility criteria.

**Victorian Government Subsidised Places**

For eligible students, this training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.

Tuition fees for a government subsidised place vary according to each program. For a full list of program fees for a government subsidised place visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/vocational/govtsub.

You will be offered a government subsidised place if you meet the eligibility criteria based on your citizenship, age, prior education, the number of programs you are studying in the current year and the number of government subsidised programs you have commenced in your lifetime at each level. Check your eligibility using the eligibility calculator at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/vocational/eligibility.

If you are applying for a government subsidised place, you will be required to provide documentation to establish your eligibility.

You will be enrolled according to how qualifications are defined in the relevant industry training package. This may impact on your eligibility for a government subsidised place for individual qualifications. For more information about enrolment in certificate, diploma and advanced diploma qualifications and eligibility for a government subsidised place visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/vocational/eligibility.

RMIT University’s RTO Code is 3046.

**Fee Concession**

You may be entitled to a concession on your tuition fees if you are in a government subsidised place and you meet the eligibility criteria.

For more information about the eligibility criteria and how to apply visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/vocational/concession.

**Full-Fee Places**

If you do not meet the criteria for a government subsidised place, then you will be offered a full-fee place (FFP). Tuition fees for an FFP vary according to each program. For a full list of program fees for FFPs visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/vocational/fullfee.

Financial assistance may be available through the VET FEE-HELP scheme.

**VET FEE-HELP**

VET FEE-HELP is an optional loan scheme available to assist eligible students enrolling in an eligible diploma, advanced diploma, full-fee vocational graduate certificate or vocational graduate diploma program. If you are a full-fee paying student, a loan fee of 20% will be added to your VET FEE-HELP loan. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/helploans/vetfee-help.

In addition to tuition fees, you will be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF). Eligible higher education students will be able to defer payment of the fee through SA-HELP.

For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/helploans/fee-help.

**Other Fees**

You may also be required to purchase items related to your program, including field trips, specified textbooks and equipment. These material fees are not compulsory and students may choose to purchase these items independently. These expenses vary from program to program.

For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/other.

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**Scholarships**

RMIT is committed to enriching and transforming your world. We award more than 2000 scholarships worth millions of dollars each year across a wide range of interest areas.

RMIT scholarships provide more than just financial assistance or recognition of academic excellence. We create opportunities that enable you to pursue your dreams.

Apply for one of these scholarships and make your overseas study ambitions come true, just like RMIT Equity Travel Grant recipient, Rachel Cassar.

www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships

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**RMIT Experience Days**

Years 10, 11 and 12 students can attend free events and engage in hands-on workshops in a range of different interest areas while experiencing life on campus.

Visit www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays for more information on RMIT’s Experience Day School Holiday programs.
More Degree and Diploma Study Options

The following brochures are available:

– Art, Design and Architecture
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– Business
– Communication and Digital Media
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– Engineering
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