



NSW Department of
Community Services

DoCS Appropriate Qualifications Caseworker

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Preferred Qualifications

There are some qualifications that are more compatible with the Child Protection Caseworker job role than others and they are, therefore, preferred by the Department. Apart from the higher level of relevance of the subjects studied in these qualifications to the Caseworker role, one advantage with these qualifications is the practicum component. A practicum component is of particular relevance for new graduates with little or no previous experience in a human services role.

Australian Catholic University

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Social Work/Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Social Work/ Bachelor of Theology
- Post Graduate Certificate in Human Services (Child Welfare)

Charles Sturt University

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Social Science (Social Welfare – Child & Adolescent Welfare Strand)
- Bachelor of Social Work/ Bachelor of Arts
- Master of Child & Adolescent Welfare
- Graduate Diploma in Human Services (Child & Adolescent)

University of Newcastle

- Bachelor of Social Work

University of NSW

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Social Work/Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Social Work/Bachelor of Social Science
- Bachelor of Social Work/Bachelor of Law

University of Sydney

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Social Work/ Bachelor of Arts

University of Western Sydney

- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Community Welfare (major in Family & Community Work)
- Bachelor of Welfare (Aboriginal Community Studies)
- Masters of Social Science (Child & Youth Studies)
- Graduate Diploma in Social Science (Child & Youth Studies)
- Graduate Certificate in Social Science (Child & Youth Studies)

Other Relevant Qualifications

While not as compatible as the preferred qualifications, these are relevant to the role of the Caseworker especially when the course includes a practicum.

Australian Catholic University (Canberra campus only)

- Master of Social Work
- Master of Youth Studies

Australian College of Applied Psychology

- Bachelor of Social Science (Edith Cowan University)
- Bachelor of Applied Social Science (Counselling)
- Master of Counselling (UWS)
- Graduate Diploma of Counselling*
- Graduate Certificate in Counselling Skills*

Charles Sturt University

- Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology; Social Welfare)
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Master of Social Work (Honours)
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Social Science (Honours)*
- Master of Social Science (Addiction Studies)

La Trobe University (Albury-Wodonga campus)

- Master of Social Work (Coursework or Thesis)

Macquarie University

- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology)

Southern Cross University

- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Social Science (Social Welfare)

University of Newcastle

- Bachelor of Social Science*

University of New England

- Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Psychology

University of New South Wales

- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Master of Social Work (Research)

University of Sydney

- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Sciences*
- Master of Social Work
- Graduate Diploma of Social Work

University of Western Sydney

- Bachelor of Community Welfare (Youth Work)
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology)
- Graduate Certificate in Social Science (Child & Youth Studies)
- Masters of Social Science (Child & Youth Studies)

University of Wollongong

- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology)

*Subject to suitable electives.