

## 2008 'Pathway Program' to the Bachelor of Social Work at Mildura

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### ***What is the 'Pathway Program' to the Bachelor of Social Work?***

The aim is to provide a 'pathway' to Social Work via the 2 year Bachelor of Social Work degree.

To enter the 2 year Bachelor of Social Work degree in Mildura students may complete two years of a Bachelor of Arts degree and then go on to complete two years of the Bachelor of Social Work (Advanced Standing) degree (i.e. four years of study).

The BA is a three year 360 credit point degree. To become eligible to apply for the Bachelor of Social Work (Advanced Standing), students who choose the 'pathway program' are required to complete:

- ✚ the first 240 credit points years of the BA; and
- ✚ specific social work electives.

#### ***How do I apply for the course?***

All applicants must apply for the Bachelor of Arts at the Mildura campus through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC - [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)) in Victoria, or the University Admissions Centre (UAC - [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)) in NSW. Currently enrolled La Trobe University students can apply directly to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. In addition, all students are advised to contact the Social Work department at the Mildura Campus to express their interest. Please refer to the contact details below.

#### ***Is this course available to VCE students?***

Yes. This 'pathway program' is available to current Year 12, non year 12 and Special Entry/Mature Age applicants.

#### ***Is the course available part-time?***

Part-time enrolment is available, however most classes are scheduled during the day.

#### ***Can I do the course by correspondence or distance education?***

No.

#### ***Is there a mid-year intake?***

Yes. A mid-year intake into the Bachelor of Arts at the Mildura campus is available.

#### ***When do applications for 2008 open?***

VTAC opened for applications on 30 July, 2007.

#### ***What are the closing dates?***

28 September 2007 (5pm)	Timely applications	
16 November 2007 (5pm)	Late applications	VTAC will apply a late fee
14 December 2007 (5pm)	Final closing date	VTAC will apply a late fee

After the final closing date you will need to contact the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Bundoora Campus (03) 9479 2023 to inquire about Late Direct Applications. These will only be considered subject to available places. A late fee applies. Applicants are also encouraged to register their intent to enter into the Social Work 'pathway program' with the Social Work department at the Mildura Campus. Please see below for contact details.

#### ***What are the course prerequisites?***

Please refer to the 2008 VTAC Guide (p244) ([www.vtac.edu.au/publications/guide2008.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications/guide2008.html)) for course prerequisites for the Bachelor of Arts at the Mildura campus.

#### ***What fees do I have to pay for the course?***

The course is funded under the Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) scheme (previously known as HECS). As a Commonwealth-supported student, the Government will contribute towards your study load, and you will be required to pay a "Student Contribution". The Contribution amount is determined by the University, and depends on your units of study within a Band. Most units in this course will be Band 1.

**How do I know if I'm eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)?**

To determine eligibility for a CSP please refer to website [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au).

**Am I eligible for Centrelink payments?**

The course meets eligibility requirements for Austudy or Youth Allowance, providing other Centrelink criteria is met.

**What units are studied?**

The major Arts units studied include: Sociology, Politics, History, English and other units on offer. Students taking the "pathway program" must undertake two Social Work units as their electives. These units are: (i) Introduction to Social Work A and (ii) Social Work and Reflective Communication.

**How many contact hours per week is the course?**

For the Bachelor of Social Work (Advanced Standing), a full-time study load is equivalent to approximately 40 hours per week which includes class contact (lectures, seminars and tutorials), study time and assessment.

**What type of assessment is used?**

For Arts units a variety of assessment is used including essays, class presentations and exams. For the Social Work units a variety of assessment is used including essays, case studies, class presentations and reports. In most units progressive assessment is used (i.e. there are several assessments rather than a single assessment).

**Does the degree have professional recognition?**

Students who successfully complete the two years of the 'pathway program' via the Bachelor of Arts and then complete the two year Bachelor of Social Work (Advanced Standing) will be eligible to graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. This degree is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

**What are the career prospects on graduating with a Bachelor of Social Work degree?**

Social Work is a rapidly growing profession and qualified social workers are highly sought in a wide range of government and non-government human service agencies. According to surveys of graduates conducted by the School of Social Work and Social Policy each year, approximately 90-95% of graduates find employment in the field within six months of graduation, with many gaining employment from their final placement.

**Are there any scholarships available?**

Information on University scholarships can be obtained from [www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships). Up-to-date information will be posted on this website in August 2007. Applications for 2008 will close on 31 January, 2008

**Textbooks and other costs?**

Textbooks for the Bachelor of Arts are available from the bookshop located in the TAFE/La Trobe library. The School of Social Work and Social Policy produces reading packs for many units which students can purchase from the La Trobe Book Shop. The cost of these reading packs is kept to a minimum.

**Open Day and Further Information:**

Open Day at Mildura is Sunday 12 August from 10am to 3pm.

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