

# HUMAN SERVICES



## OUR VISION

Victoria University's vision for Human Services is to prepare work ready graduates that are able to empower people through the provision of human services that enrich their lives. We aim to provide excellence in teaching and learning that is supported by innovative research into cultural diversity, social inclusion, international development and health and wellbeing.

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# EXPERTISE STATEMENT IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

## HISTORY OF HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services has a 25 year history of teaching, research and community service in:

- Social Sciences and Psychology
- Social Welfare Services including children's services, social work, ageing and disability, youth care, counselling, and community development

## HUMAN SERVICES STRENGTHS

Human Services strengths in education and research include:

- aged services
- community work
- counselling
- disability services
- human welfare
- psychology
- social work
- sociology

## HUMAN SERVICES STUDENTS

Approximately 85% of students in Human Services are female and 15% are male; 62% of students live in the Western region of Melbourne and 51% of students study full time.

## HUMAN SERVICES COURSES

Human Services offered 43 courses in 2009. Most courses were delivered by the following schools:

- School of Social Sciences and Psychology
- School of Community Services
- School of Health

Other courses were delivered by:

- School of Biomedical and Health Sciences
- School of Enterprise

## HUMAN SERVICES CAREER PATHWAYS

Human Services offers learning pathways to enable students to design their own career. Students can move from secondary school to courses at a Certificate level through to Diploma, Degree and to Masters degree and PhD.

Pathways include transitions from:

- Access programs and Certificate courses through to Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses into the Bachelor of Education degree
- Diploma of Children's Services to the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary)

## HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH

Human Services undertakes research in cultural diversity, social inclusion and exclusion and in international development. Areas of research include:

- multiculturalism, interfaith relationships, refugee settlement needs, participation in higher education and training, links with homeland, and language and communication within and across diverse communities
- safety and wellbeing of international students, links between ethnic diversity and economic performance, and the impact of various laws on different groups in society
- international research and networks that strengthen education, culture and leadership in community organisations and government in developing countries
- psychology of sleep, review of health services plans, and the use of technology in health education and the management of serious diseases e.g. diabetes in culturally and linguistically diverse communities

Health research is undertaken across disciplines and in the Wellness Promotion Unit and the Australian Community Centre for Diabetes.

### WELLNESS PROMOTION UNIT

The Wellness Promotion Unit undertakes research to promote personal, group and community wellbeing. The unit engages with community stakeholders to identify needs and develop research focused on prevention and intervention strategies that integrate knowledge with practice.

## HUMAN SERVICES INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Human Services Strategic partnerships have been developed with a range of industry partners providing opportunities for learning in the workplace and community. Current industry partners include:

- Australian Association of Social Workers
- Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Worker Association
- Australian Psychological Association
- Visy Care in Sunshine
- Western Health

## HUMAN SERVICES INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES

Human Services has relationships with regions and organisations including:

- Mumbai
- Oz Aid
- Timor-Leste
- University of the South Pacific

## HUMAN SERVICES FACILITIES

Human Services facilities include:

- A sleep laboratory and sleep clinic at the St Albans campus
- An interactive laboratory for social work and psychology at St Albans
- Counselling suites at Footscray Nicholson
- Purpose-built children's services at Footscray Nicholson and Werribee campuses

## CAMPUSES FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Campuses for delivery of the majority of courses are located at Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson, St Albans and Werribee.

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