PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIAL WORK
& YOUTH WORK

JACQUELINE
Bachelor of Youth Work

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
WHERE CAN VU TAKE YOU IN PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK & YOUTH WORK?

Do you have a curious mind and want to help people? As a psychology graduate you will use your analytical skills and in-depth understanding of yourself and others to assess, diagnose and treat those suffering from psychological distress and mental illness.

As a graduate of social work and youth work, you will help to support people through various challenges and transitions in their lives. While youth workers focus exclusively on assisting young people (aged 12-25), social workers address the needs of a range of adult clients including groups and communities.

VU is the highest ranking university in the state for skills development in social work and psychology (Good Universities Guide 2018) and we have the second highest earning graduates in Victoria within three years of graduation.*

CAREER

SOCIAL WORK
Help others resolve social problems, as well as further human rights, social justice and social development.

ORGANISATIONS YOU MAY WORK IN
Not-for-profit and charitable organisations, community organisations, government, hospitals and other health care facilities.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES
Social Worker; Community Health Centre Counsellor; Drug and Alcohol Worker; Homelessness Policy Officer.

PSYCHOLOGY
Study in psychology will enhance your employability in sectors as varied as business, sport and law.

ORGANISATIONS YOU MAY WORK IN
Health care and social assistance, public administration and safety, education and training, marketing, support services and human resources.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES
Education Psychologist; Counsellor; Welfare Worker; Clinical Psychologist; Sport Psychologist.

YOUTH WORK
Help young people between the ages of 12-25 navigate through a tumultuous period of their life.

ORGANISATIONS YOU MAY WORK IN
Local government, residential care, alternative education, youth charity organisations and juvenile justice.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES
Youth Worker; Youth Development Worker; Drug and Alcohol Worker.

*2018 Graduate Outcomes Survey.
# HOW TO BECOME A PSYCHOLOGIST

We have a number of bachelor degrees that you can study to pathway into a postgraduate qualification, preparing you for registration as a qualified psychologist.

![Diagram showing the pathway from bachelor degree to postgraduate qualifications](#)

## BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES OR A DOUBLE DEGREE

- Bachelor of Psychological Studies
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Psychological Studies (Honours)
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

## ONE YEAR HONOURS PROGRAMS

- Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)
- Master of Applied Psychology (Community)
- Master of Professional Psychology

## MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)

## MASTER OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (COMMUNITY)

## MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

## COURSE | FURTHER INFORMATION
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**PSYCHOLOGY**
Bachelor of Psychological Studies | vu.edu.au/courses/ABPA
Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies | vu.edu.au/courses/ABCY
Bachelor of Psychological Studies/Bachelor of Business | vu.edu.au/courses/ABPB
Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/Bachelor of Psychological Studies | vu.edu.au/courses/SBHP
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Studies | vu.edu.au/courses/LBWP
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) | vu.edu.au/courses/ABPC
Bachelor of Psychological Studies (Honours) | vu.edu.au/courses/AHPA
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) | vu.edu.au/courses/LHWP

**SOCIAL WORK**

Bachelor of Social Work | vu.edu.au/courses/ABSW

**YOUTH WORK**

Certificate IV in Youth Work | vu.edu.au/courses/CHC40413
Bachelor of Youth Work | vu.edu.au/courses/ABYW
Bachelor of Youth Work/Bachelor of Sport Management | vu.edu.au/courses/EBYS
All our courses are designed to fully prepare you for work, and taught by industry-connected teachers who are experts in the field. Hands-on learning and industry placements will shape you into a stand-out graduate.

**FIELDWORK PLACEMENTS – PSYCHOLOGY**

As a Bachelor of Psychological Studies and Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) student, you will undertake a work placement in your third year. Past students have been placed with Melbourne City Mission, Anglicare, Department of Human Services and more.

**PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC**

If you go on to study one of our psychology masters, you will be professionally trained at our accredited Psychology Clinic located at VU @ MetroWest, where you will assess and treat clients in the community.

**FIELDWORK PLACEMENTS – YOUTH WORK AND SOCIAL WORK**

As a student in our Bachelor of Youth Work, you will gain practical experience in various areas of the youth work industry. Professional development through industry-based learning with organisations such as Melbourne City Mission and The Youth Junction Inc. are a significant component of this course.

As a Social Work student, you will extend your professional knowledge by linking theory with real-life experience under the supervision of experienced social workers through two industry-based placements (1,000 hours total) in different human service agency settings.
“PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENTS HELPED ME PUT MY KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE.”

“Professional placements helped me put my knowledge into practice and build up skills in my field – particularly building a rapport with clients and colleagues. I got to attend a UN leadership symposium in Thailand, which opened a lot of new opportunities and connections for me.

Getting a job in my field at Melbourne City Mission – as an initial assessment and planning worker – straight after completing my degree is my greatest achievement to date.”

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Bachelor of Youth Work
At VU we know there's more than one way to succeed at learning, so we provide multiple ways to achieve a world-class education and exciting career.

We are one of only six universities in Australia to offer both TAFE and university courses, meaning you can choose the level of study that best suits you.

Our courses are designed with close industry consultation, and you'll have opportunities for engaging work placements and internships to give you a head start in your future workplace. But above all, the VU Way is about what you bring to the University: joining our rich and diverse community will reward you with unique experiences in the classroom and beyond.

VU Block Model

In 2018 VU was the first Australian university to introduce the VU Block Model. This new approach to learning is focused on making your transition into university easier, your chances of study success greater, and giving you the skills to succeed when you enter the workforce.
VU’S BLOCK MODEL MEANS

1. **YOU’LL SETTLE INTO UNI FASTER**
   Complete one subject every four weeks (including all assessments) and build confidence in your studies from day one.

2. **YOU’LL FEEL SUPPORTED**
   Learn in smaller classes and have more one-on-one time with your teachers.

3. **YOU’LL FEEL LESS STRESSED**
   You’ll only have to focus on one unit at a time. At other universities, you will be expected to complete multiple units at once.

GET FUTURE FOCUSED WITH BLENDED LEARNING

Study at Victoria University Polytechnic, VU’s TAFE division, and you’ll learn with our multi-award winning Blended Learning model. Blended Learning is flexible, industry-based and focused on preparing you for the modern workplace. It replaces paper-based theory tuition with a combination of user-friendly online learning and face-to-face workshops. Online components mean you can learn anytime, anywhere – and then you’ll refine your skills through practical learning and on-the-job work placements.

PATHWAYS

Course ‘pathways’ offer an easy transition between courses at different levels, so that you can start with a certificate and progress right through to postgraduate study – in many cases gaining credits along the way. Students starting in Higher Education degrees can also add to their portfolio of skills with practical, hands-on training through our TAFE programs.

Find out more at vu.edu.au/pathways
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