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SOCIAL WORK
& YOUTH WORK

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**CAREER ORGANISATIONS YOU MAY WORK IN**

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

- Not-for-profit and charitable organisations, community organisations, government, hospitals and other health care facilities.
- 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.

- Health care and social assistance, public administration and safety, education and training, marketing, support services and human resources.
- 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.

- Local government, residential care, alternative education, youth charity organisations and juvenile justice.
- Youth Worker; Youth Development Worker; Drug and Alcohol Worker.

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.

**BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES OR A DOUBLE DEGREE**

**PLUS A FOURTH YEAR OF HONOURS**

- Bachelor of Psychological Studies
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies
- Bachelor of Psychological Studies/Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/Bachelor of Psychological Studies
- Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Studies
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
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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
Bachelor of Social Work | vu.edu.au/courses/ABSW
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PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC

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