LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

MASTER OF

SOCIAL WORK

CRICOS Course Code: 121422E
TEQSA Course ID: CRS1401888



Build the knowledge, judgement and practice capability to make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

TEQSA Provider Code: PRV14352

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ABOUT LIHE

Lincoln Institute of Higher Education (LIHE) is a values-based, not-for-profit higher education institution in Sydney. Its student-centred approach combines a multicultural learning environment with academic and learning support. LIHE encourages critical and creative thinking, engagement with real-world challenges and lifelong learning.

1 Student-centred learning

A multicultural learning environment with academic and learning support.

2 Academic support

Guidance with assessments, academic writing, referencing and language improvement.

3 Campus connection

Student events, seminars and shared spaces provide opportunities to connect.

4 Wellbeing guidance

Student Help Desk assistance and counselling support through an external provider.

OUR VISION LIHE aims to prepare graduates with advanced knowledge and skills who can contribute to society and act as responsible global citizens.

OUR MISSION Advance knowledge and scholarship; encourage critical and creative thinking; develop leadership, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning.

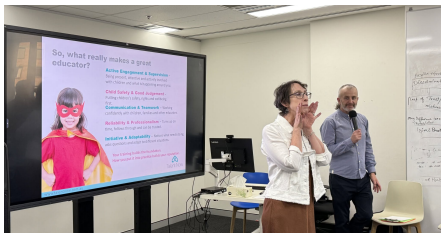
CAMPUS LIFE & LEARNING



Classroom



Common area



Campus events

CAMPUS FEATURES

- Books, magazines and journals
- e-library and digital resources
- Reading areas and study spaces
- Computer laboratory
- Campus Wi-Fi
- LIHE Learning Management System (LMS)
- IT Help Desk
- Student lounge and kitchenette
- Indoor recreation, including foosball
- Lockers and Student Information Kiosk
- Printing and photocopying
- Student Help Desk

CONVENIENT LOCATION



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COURSE INFORMATION

Master of Social Work

AQF Level 9 | 96 credit points | 14 subjects | 1,000 placement hours



COURSE DURATION

2 YEARS

Full-time / 4 semesters
14 subjects
96 credit points

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ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed a relevant three-year degree at AQF Level 7 containing at least one year of full-time study, or its equivalent, in social and behavioural sciences.

LIHE assesses qualifications, transcripts and relevant subject content. Applicants must have the academic preparation and English proficiency needed for coursework and practice-based learning.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

International students must achieve IELTS Academic 7.0 or higher in each component before commencing the course, or provide an accepted equivalent that satisfies the applicable admission requirements.

Equivalent test results or other English evidence require assessment under LIHE admissions requirements. Do not assume an exemption based solely on nationality, residence or previous study; confirm acceptable evidence with LIHE.

COURSE STRUCTURE

12 academic subjects × 6 credit points + 2 Practice Education subjects × 12 credit points = 96 credit points. Two supervised placements total 1,000 hours (500 hours each). See page 4 for the two-year study journey.

TUITION FEES

AUD $12,500
per semester

INDICATIVE TOTAL TUITION

AUD $50,000
over four semesters

Indicative tuition for four semesters is AUD $50,000, calculated at AUD $12,500 per semester. This is a tuition-only estimate. Confirm current fees, payment terms and any additional charges with LIHE before accepting an offer.
Intake: TBA. Confirm commencement arrangements, course availability and requirements for your applicant category with LIHE before applying.

COURSE ACCREDITATION & RECOGNITION

TEQSA-accredited course | Course ID: CRS1401888. Accreditation granted 22 June 2026. AASW accreditation is in progress; provisional or full AASW accreditation has not been granted. Approval and AASW membership are not guaranteed.

03 / COURSE STRUCTURE

Your two-year study journey

96 credit points | 12 academic subjects × 6 CP + 2 Practice Education subjects × 12 CP

The subject themes below summarise the study areas reflected in the curriculum. CP means credit points. Each year comprises 48 CP; placements occur in Semester 2 of each year.

YEAR 1 | FOUNDATIONS & PRACTICE

Social Work: A Contested Terrain

Social work as a profession, its values and the contexts in which practice takes place.

SWQ902 | 6 CP

Contemporary Social Work Theories

Contemporary theoretical perspectives and their relevance to understanding social work practice.

SWQ903 | 6 CP

Skills for Social Work Practice

Communication, engagement, assessment and intervention-planning skills for social work practice.

SWQ904 | 6 CP

Diversity and Social Work Practice

Diversity, cultural responsiveness and culturally safe approaches in social work.

SWQ905 | 6 CP

Ethical and Legal Frameworks for Social Work Practice

Ethical reasoning, professional judgement and the legal frameworks relevant to practice.

SWQ906 | 6 CP

Social Work Practice in Groups & Communities

Group work, community engagement, community development and advocacy.

SWQ907 | 12 CP

Social Work Practice Education 1

First supervised placement: 500 hours in Year 1, Semester 2. Connect academic learning with practice.

YEAR 2 | ADVANCED PRACTICE

SWQ911 | 6 CP

Social Work in Health and Wellbeing

Social work perspectives on health, mental health and wellbeing in human service settings.

SWQ912 | 6 CP

Australian Indigenous Peoples and Social Work

Culturally responsive practice and engagement with Australian Indigenous peoples.

SWQ913 | 6 CP

Social Policy and Social Work Practice

Social policy analysis and the relationship between policy, services and social work practice.

SWQ914 | 6 CP

Research and Evaluation for Social Work Practice

Research literacy, evaluation and the use of evidence to inform professional practice.

SWQ915 | 6 CP

Organisational Practice and Leadership for Social Work

Organisational awareness, leadership and collaboration within human service settings.

SWQ916 | 6 CP

Advanced Social Work Practice

Integration of social work knowledge, skills, ethical reasoning and reflective judgement.

SWQ917 | 12 CP

Social Work Practice Education 2

Second supervised placement: 500 hours in Year 2, Semester 2. Further integrate theory and practice.

AFTER YOUR DEGREE

Career opportunities

Potential areas of work in human services. Roles depend on experience, professional recognition and employer requirements.

Health and mental health

Health and wellbeing services and related human service settings.

Community services

Community engagement, community development and advocacy.

Child and family services

Services supporting children, families and community wellbeing.

Disability and NDIS services

Disability-related services and support settings.

Ageing and related services

Services concerned with the needs and wellbeing of older people.

Policy, research and organisations

Social policy, evaluation, advocacy and organisational practice.

These are potential career areas, not guaranteed employment outcomes. Access to social work positions may depend on AASW accreditation, professional recognition and employer requirements.





PLANNING YOUR CAREER

Explore role descriptions across your preferred human service settings and check the qualifications, professional recognition and experience each employer requires. Prepare a CV and relevant examples that demonstrate communication, collaboration and sound judgement. Seek clear advice on role eligibility before applying for positions requiring a recognised social work qualification.

Course completion does not guarantee employment, AASW membership or migration outcomes. Confirm the current professional accreditation status before making career or study decisions.

YOUR NEXT STEP

How to apply

Contact LIHE for the current MSW application process. Intake: TBA.

01

Confirm course availability

Contact LIHE to confirm the intake, commencement arrangements and availability for your applicant category. Check the current AASW accreditation status before deciding to apply.

02

Check your entry requirements

Review your completed qualification and the social and behavioural science content of your previous study. Confirm the English evidence required and whether any equivalent evidence is acceptable.

03

Prepare & submit your application

Request the current application form or application instructions and full document checklist from LIHE. Submit the requested documents through the application channel confirmed by LIHE.

04

Review your offer & requirements

If an offer is made, review any conditions, tuition and additional charges, payment terms, course requirements and accreditation information before accepting. Follow LIHE instructions for the next steps.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE

- Completed degree certificate and academic transcript
- Subject outlines or other evidence of relevant prior study, as requested
- Evidence of English proficiency, where required

LIHE may request further information to assess your application. Confirm the complete checklist, certification and translation requirements directly with LIHE.

ENQUIRE WITH LIHE

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