



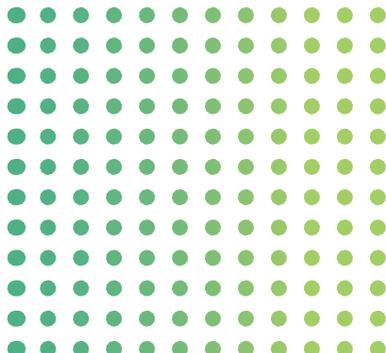
# Bachelor of Community Services (BCS)

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With a passion for education and a dedication to bridge critical skills gaps by offering highly qualified, job-ready graduates we cultivate an environment where freedom of speech, student-centricity, innovation, academic excellence, and sustainability are at the forefront.

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# to Laurus Higher Education

As the Chair of the Board, I am thrilled to welcome you to our vibrant community. You're embarking on a journey filled with learning, growth, and discovery at one of Australia's leading institutions. Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring your time with us is both rewarding and transformative.



We pride ourselves on offering a supportive environment where every student can thrive and succeed. Whether you need academic advice, personal support, or just a friendly chat, our doors are always open.

Embrace this opportunity to shape your future with LHE. We're delighted to have you and can't wait to see what you achieve!

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Professor Todd Walker  
Chair of the Board, Laurus Higher Education

LIFE IN MELBOURNE

# LIVE, STUDY AND WORK IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST LIVABLE CITIES!



Melbourne is a bustling cosmopolitan city in the south-east of Australia in the State of Victoria that provides international students with a well-rounded educational and cultural experience, combined with a high quality of life and abundant opportunities for personal and professional growth.

We have highlighted 4 key reasons to study with us in Melbourne:

## Multi-cultural environment

Melbourne is known for its cultural diversity, with people from various backgrounds and nationalities living and studying in the city. This multicultural environment fosters tolerance, understanding, and a rich exchange of ideas, making it an ideal place for international students to feel welcome and supported.

## Vibrant city life

Melbourne is a dynamic and cosmopolitan city with a vibrant arts and culture scene, bustling nightlife, diverse culinary options, and numerous festivals and events throughout the year.





**Melbourne consistently ranks highly in global surveys for its quality of life, safety, healthcare, and infrastructure.**

## Employment Opportunities

Melbourne offers excellent employment prospects for international students, with thriving industries in sectors such as technology, finance, healthcare, education, hospitality, and creative industries.

## High Quality of Life

With its clean and green spaces, efficient public transportation system, and emphasis on sustainability, Melbourne offers a comfortable and enjoyable living environment for students.



ABOUT LAURUS HIGHER EDUCATION

# About Us

Laurus Higher Education (LHE) is a Higher Education Institute registered with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). This authorises LHE to issue Australian Quality Framework (AQF) Certification documents for any nationally recognised qualification on our scope of registration. Our Provider No: PRV14408 / CRICOS No: 04375C

# Our Campus



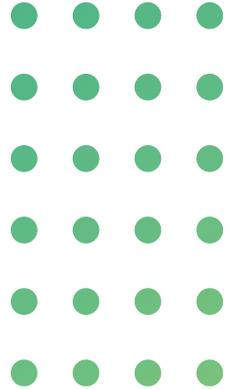
Laurus Higher Education has a state-of-the-art campus at Level 3, 311 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC, 3000

## FACILITIES

- Well-equipped classrooms with modern technology and free wifi.
- Dedicated library and private study space with laptops, printers and hard copy and online library resources.
- Welcoming student lounges with microwaves and fridges.
- First Aid / Multi Faith / Feeding room



Campus contact details:  
Phone: 03 7068 0005  
[info@lhe.edu.au](mailto:info@lhe.edu.au)



# Graduate Attributes



LHE is committed to producing graduates who are both academically proficient and job ready, we achieve this through innovative courses that integrate technology and ensure personalised, experiential learning.

We embed, in contemporary curricula, the following distinctive set of graduate attributes that are aligned to our course learning outcomes and designed to meet professional standards and industry expectations thereby ensuring relevance.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

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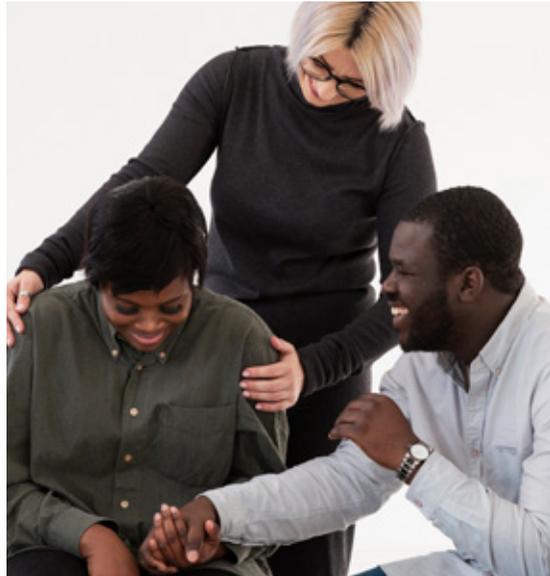


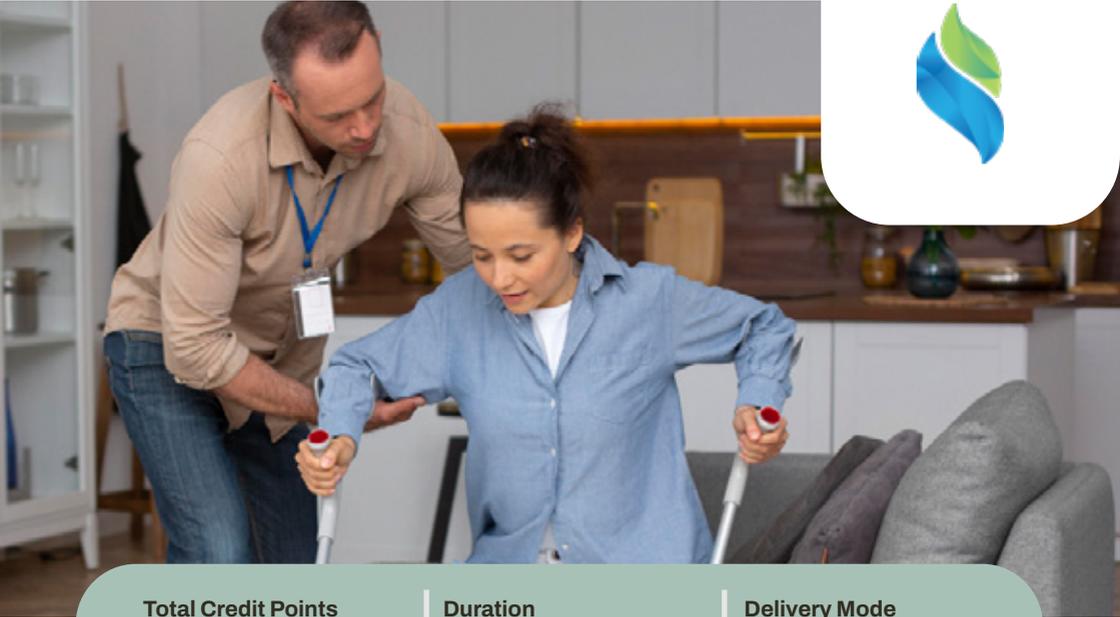
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## COURSE OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Community Services (BCS) aims to prepare you to work as community services practitioners, caseworkers, counsellors, research and policy makers and managers in community services.

The course will enable you to apply concepts, theories, and research skills from the social sciences and provide you with opportunities to acquire and develop workplace related skills and knowledge.





### Total Credit Points

192 credit points  
8 credit point per unit of study

### Duration

**Standard pathway:** 3 Years full-time / 2 trimesters per year of 12 weeks duration of each

**Accelerated pathway:** 2 years full time / 3 trimesters per year of 12 weeks duration of each

### Delivery Mode

On-campus

## Fieldwork Placement Compulsory Practical Placements:

150 hours in Year 2  
250 hours in Year 3

## Employment Opportunities

Community workers practice across the full spectrum of human services including:

- Family and children's services.
- Child protection.
- Family violence.
- Alcohol and other drugs.
- Youth work.
- Community development.
- Juvenile justice.



## Bachelor of Community Services (BCS)

When you apply to Laurus Higher Education for Bachelor of Community Services (BCS) course, you must satisfy all of the following entry requirements:

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Age

Minimum of 18 years of age on course commencement date.

#### Qualifications (one of the following)

- Australian secondary education qualification, or equivalent qualification from an overseas institution.
- Completed or partly completed qualification at AQF level 5 (Diploma) or above from a higher education institution or an equivalent overseas higher education qualification.
- Completed Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification at AQF Level 3 (Certificate III) or above from a vocational education institution or an equivalent overseas vocational education qualification.
- Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) percentile rank or equivalent.
- Completed foundation studies or preparatory program that is recognised for admission purposes.



#### English (one of the following)

- Completion of Year 12 in Australia, New Zealand, UK, USA, Canada or Republic of Ireland.
- Successfully completed 2 years (minimum) of study in Australia.
- Satisfactory completion of Year 12 (or equivalent) in English.
- Successful completion of an English Language course approved by LHE from a registered English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) provider (Table A in Admissions Procedure).
- Academic IELTS: 6.0 with no skills band less than 5.5.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT: 60 (with min 18 in writing), paper based: 78+ for all components.
- OET: C for all components.
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic (PTE-A): 50 (with not less than 50 in subsets reading and writing).
- Cambridge English Scale Score (from 2015): 169 (with no sub-score <162).



## Pre Placement

All Students will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check and National Police Check prior to commencing their placement. Fees for this are set by the external agencies and payable by the student at the time of applying.

### National Police Check

Victoria Police [Apply for a National Police Check | Our services | Victoria Police](#)

### Working with Children Check

Service Victoria [Working with Children Check | Working and Volunteering | Service Victoria](#)

### Child Protection Training

Child protection in early childhood: online learning | vic.gov.au

### Vaccinations

Health based placement providers may require students to undertake various vaccinations before being accepted for placement in their agencies.

# Course Structure

Unit Code	Unit Name	Credit Points	Delivery Mode
<b>Year 1</b>			
BCS111	Introduction to Community Services	8cps	On-campus
BCS112	Interpersonal and Group Communication Skills	8cps	On-campus
BCS113	Ethical and Professional Practice Frameworks	8cps	On-campus
BCS114	Human Lifespan Development	8cps	Hybrid
BCS125	Sociological Perspectives	8cps	Hybrid
BCS126	Social and Community Psychology	8cps	On-campus
BCS127	Indigenous and First Nations Perspectives of Community	8cps	On-campus
BCS128	Case Management in Community Practice	8cps	On-campus
<b>Year 2</b>			
BCS211	Legal Systems and Advocacy	8cps	Hybrid
BCS212	Working with Children, Families and Mental Health	8cps	On-campus
BCS213	Youth Work, Adolescence and Community Mental Health	8cps	On-campus
BCS214	Community Development and Social Change	8cps	On-campus
BCS225	Facilitating Digital Services in Community Services and Health Care (WIL Field Placement Unit of 150 hours)	8cps	Community Based
BCS226	Trauma-informed Practices in Community Work	8cps	On-campus
BCS227	Ageing and Aged Care in Society	8cps	On-campus
BCS228	Culture and Diversity in Communities	8cps	On-campus
<b>Year 3</b>			
BCS311	Disability and Neurodiversity in Community	8cps	On-campus
BCS312	Gender, Power, and Family Violence	8cps	On-campus
BCS313	Social and Health Research	8cps	On-campus
BCS314	Applied Counselling Skills	8cps	On-campus
BCS325	Social Policy Frameworks	8cps	Hybrid
BCS326	Leading and Managing Human Services Organisations	8cps	Hybrid
BCS327	Professional Practice Placement (300 hours)	16cps	Community based

# Fee Schedule

Listed below are the indicative tuition and non-tuition fees, which may change over the duration of this course

## TUITION FEES

Course Fees	Domestic	International
Bachelor of Community Services	\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL including payable non-tuition fees*	\$62,000	\$62,000

## NON-TUITION FEES

Fee Type	Amount
Non-refundable course application fee	\$250
Library and material fee	\$500
Placement fee	\$1,250
Course withdrawal fee	\$1,100
Course deferral fee	\$350
Deferred payment contract fee	\$300
Late enrolment fee	\$300
Late payment of tuition fee	\$100
Late variation to enrolment fee	\$75
Fee to reissue financial records	\$50
Replacement testamur fee (includes postage)	\$150
Reissue transcript fee (includes postage)	\$70
Replacement student ID card fee	\$60
Late library returns fee	\$2 per day \$50 cap
Replacement fee for lost library resources	\$50
Replacement fee for damaged library resources	\$30
Reassessment of study outcomes for credit transfers or recognition of prior learning (RPL)	\$100

COURSE DETAILS

Policies relating to cancellations and refunds are available on our website at [www.lhe.edu.au](http://www.lhe.edu.au)

# How to apply

Our Student Experience team are available to answer student questions, or students might like to attend one of our information events. Take the first step to becoming a Laurus Higher Education student!



We encourage and welcome applications from a diverse cohort of genuine students as we believe this cultural mix enhances the learning experience for all. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants, applicants with physical and / or mental health disabilities, and applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to special support and access schemes.



**Our purpose is to  
provide innovative  
and industry focused  
higher education in  
areas aligned with  
current and emerging  
societal needs**

## **Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**



Prospective students should indicate on their Application for Admission Form whether they are applying for credit transfer and / or RPL noting the limits for each as outlined in our Policy. Current students may apply for credit or RPL during their course but prior to commencement of the unit that they are requesting credit for.

All requests should be submitted 2 weeks prior to the unit start date.



# Why choose us

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LHE is committed to producing graduates who are both academically proficient and job ready, we achieve this through innovative courses that integrate technology and ensure personalised, experiential learning.



## **Comprehensive Programs**

Our programs provide a well-rounded education that equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in your chosen field.



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### **Supportive Learning Environment**

At Laurus Higher Education, we prioritize creating a supportive learning environment where students feel valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential. Study support sessions will be organised to assist students with their coursework.



### **Career Development Resources**

Laurus Higher Education offers extensive career development resources and services to help students transition smoothly from academia to the workforce.

# Student Experience

Our friendly Student Experience Team is ready to give you all the assistance you need. The first few weeks can be the most difficult time for students in a new and unfamiliar country. We recognise this and offer you a range of student support services such as:



## Accommodation

We have partnered with **Iglu, Campus Melbourne, Unilodge**, and more accommodation providers to offer special prices to our students with multiple perks. Different locations in Melbourne CBD and suburbs.



## Counselling

Whether you're feeling distressed, homesick, overwhelmed, or simply need someone to talk to, our team is here to guide you and help you explore the best options for support.



## Careers

Internally, we offer student counselling and careers support at no extra cost. Boost your job prospects while you study with us!



## Discounts

Enjoy great discounts with Fitness First, Goodlife and Zap Fitness for all Laurus Students and Staff. Discover more discounts for Coffee, Restaurants, Events and much more.





Are you feeling distressed?

We are here for you.



BE YOURSELF  
STUDENT  
MEMBERSHIP STAFF & STUDENTS  
month memberships\*  
MEMBERS ONLY



LHE offers a variety of services and support to enhance your academic, professional, and personal journey, contributing to a more fulfilling student experience

For a full list of services check out the [Student Handbook](#)

STUDENT SERVICES

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