

Bachelor of Applied Social Work (BASW)

MOE Code	NT5012	Level	7	Duration	4 academic years	Version	1
Site(s)	Whangārei						
Delivery	Full-time, Intramural /Online, Part-time option available					Intakes	Semester 1
Aim	<p>The primary aim of the Bachelor of Applied Social Work is to provide both Te Tai Tokerau and Aotearoa New Zealand with competent beginning social work practitioners who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are from diverse backgrounds and have the ability to succeed academically at level 5 and above in order to meet the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB) Graduate Attributes and Core Competence Standards; • Are representative of consumer groups in Northland; • Are critically informed, reflective practitioners who demonstrate transformative and ethical social work practice; • Actively advocate for structural changes which support marginalised, dispossessed and vulnerable individuals, groups and communities; and • Are committed to lifelong learning through ongoing professional development. 						
Graduate profile	<p>Graduates of the Bachelor of Applied Social Work will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the ability to work in a bi-cultural context and acknowledge and the centrality of Te Tiriti o Waitangi to social work as a profession and in practice. • Apply anti- oppressive social work values, knowledge and skills to complex situations to stimulate personal and social change in a range of work and social contexts. • Have the ability to work with individuals, families or whanau, communities and groups from diverse ethnic, cultural and indigenous backgrounds. • Demonstrate resilience and the ability to manage interpersonal conflict and challenges that arise in the context of social work practice. • Demonstrate knowledge of the origins, purpose and development of Aotearoa New Zealand social work within a global context. • Demonstrate professional literacy and numeracy, critically evaluate scholarship, critique and apply diverse knowledge and research to social work practice. • Demonstrate an ability to think critically, and effectively analyse, synthesise and apply information. • Demonstrate the ability to work autonomously and make independent judgment from a well-informed social work position. • Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively with others in multi-disciplinary teams, organisations and communities. • Demonstrate a critical reflective approach to individual social work practice through supervision, peer review and self-evaluation. • Demonstrate an ability to recognise own learning needs and participates in continuing professional development. • Demonstrate an ability to effectively utilise ongoing professional supervision and a commitment to continuing professional development. • Demonstrate understanding of, and ability to, integrate sustainability and contemporary social, political, psychological, economic, legal, environmental, cultural and indigenous issues within Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally into both social work as a profession and practice. • Demonstrate an awareness of the level of skills, knowledge, information, attributes and abilities of a new social work graduate. 						
Education pathway	<p>Northland Polytechnic is committed to assuring that students can articulate into related graduate and post graduate programmes offered by other tertiary institutions in New Zealand.</p> <p>Graduates of this programme may be prepared to undertake postgraduate study offered by a number of tertiary education providers.</p>						
Employment pathway	<p>Graduates of the Bachelor of Applied Social Work will be competent to apply for employment in the following Fields of Practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community development organisations and trusts; Corrections facilities including probation; environmental action organisations; faith based organisations; Family Court and Justice related organisations; Ministry of Social Development and other government departments; health related organisation including health promotions; Iwi/Māori agencies; local authorities; not-for-Profit organisations and NGOs; primary health care organisations; public and private hospitals and District health boards; and schools <p>Graduates of the Bachelor of Applied Social Work will be competent to apply for employment in the following Professional roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social workers; community support workers; whanau ora workers; community advocates; health workers; drug and alcohol social workers; mental health social workers and advocates; housing support workers; Maori communities Kaiawhina; community advisors; and family support workers. 						
Award(s)	Bachelor of Applied Social Work						
Completion requirements	<p>480 credits, as listed in Programme Structure.</p> <p>Compulsory attendance of a minimum of 120 days' fieldwork education</p> <p><i>This programme of study has been approved by NZQA and Social Workers Registration Board. As it does not contain unit standards from the NZOF, credits are not reported to NZQA.</i></p>						
Entry requirements	<p>Refer to Generic Entry Requirements listed on page 31. In addition, applicants must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed NCEA level 3 with University Entrance including at least 14 credits in an English language rich subject, e.g. English, history, art history, classics, geography, economics; or • Minimum of 'B' passes in a relevant Level 4 Foundation Programme; or • Evidence of recent successful study in other relevant courses at tertiary level; or • Documented verifiable evidence of relevant work life experience (usually the equivalent of two year's full time) that indicates the ability to meet the requirements of this degree. Such evidence would normally include details of roles/responsibilities undertaken, interpersonal skills, other achievements and referee statements. Admission under this provision requires an interview with and approval from the Academic Lead. 						
Selection information	<p>In addition to meeting the admission criteria the following list of desirable attributes will be considered.</p> <p>Desirable Attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant life and work experience in the social service industry • Interpersonal understanding and skills • Open attitude • Evidence of motivation and willingness to learn 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-awareness and reflective ability • Self-confidence • Problem-solving ability • Evidence of resilience • Task orientated • Meet equity provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ i.e. applicants representing cultures or subcultures over represented in social service clientele but under-represented in the social service professions, e.g. Disabled, Māori, Pacific Island peoples and other minority groups. <p>Applicants who meet all entry requirements will be interviewed by at least two staff members from the Social Work Programme. Where applicants exceed available places, selection will be based on evidence of interest, motivation, desired attributes and academic achievement.</p>		
Credit recognition	Credit for recognition of prior learning is not available for fieldwork placements. Credit transfer is available for fieldwork placements and must meet the SWRB criteria.		
Time limit for completion	10 years from initial enrolment		
Programme structure			
Code	Title	Credits	Level
All courses are compulsory			
Year 1			
7737.5101	Indigenous Voices	15	5
7737.5102	Te Ao Māori	15	5
7737.5103	Aotearoa New Zealand Society	15	5
7737.5104	Social Work Theoretical Frameworks	15	5
7737.5105	Human Development and Social Work	15	5
7737.5106	Academic and Digital Literacy	15	5
7737.5107	Professional Social Work Practice	15	5
7737.5108	Social Work Practice Skills	15	5
Year 2			
7737.6101	Tauīwi Voices	15	6
7737.6102	Transformative Whānau Practice	30	6
7737.6103	Social Work Fields of Practice	15	6
7737.6104	Mental Health and Addictions	15	6
7737.6105	Evidence Informed Practice	15	6
7737.6106	Integrating Theory and Practice	30	6
Year 3			
7737.7101	Diverse and Vulnerable Voices	30	7
7737.7102	Empowered Communities	30	7
7737.7103	Transformative Social Work	30	7
7737.7104	Fieldwork Tuatahi	30	7
Year 4			
7737.7105	My Social Work Voice	15	7
7737.7106	Social Justice in Action	30	7
7737.7107	Special Topic	30	7
7737.7108	Fieldwork Tuarua	45	7
Course prescriptors			
Title	Code	Credits	Level
Academic and Digital Literacy	7737.5106	15	5
Aim: To enable students to gain an in-depth understanding of the process and impact of colonisation for Māori and other indigenous people.			
Pre-requisites: Nil			
Co-requisites: 7737.5101; 7737.5103			
Aotearoa New Zealand Society	7737.5103	15	5
Aim: To provide students with an overview of the cultural, social, economic and political structures which shape and influence Aotearoa New Zealand society including the historical and contemporary role and function of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.			
Pre-requisites: Nil			
Co-requisites: 7737.5101; 7737.5106			
Diverse and Vulnerable Voices	7737.7101	30	7
Aim: To enable students to critically analyse the effects and impacts of social, political, cultural, economic and spiritual marginalisation, exclusion and oppression.			
Pre-requisites: 7737.6101; 7737.6102			
Co-requisites: 7737.7103			
Empowered Communities	7737.7102	30	7
Aim: To enable students to evaluate theories and models of community and iwi development to effect social and economic change in Aotearoa NZ.			
Pre-requisites: 7737.6102			
Co-requisites: Nil			
Evidence Informed Practice	7737.6105	15	6
Aim: To enable students to find and use 'evidence' to support the social work process including evaluation and appropriate intervention methods and models.			
Pre-requisites: 7737.5106			
Co-requisites: 7737.6102			
Fieldwork Tuarua	7737.7108	45	7
Aim: To build on Fieldwork Tuatahi where students continue to demonstrate the integration of theoretical learning and practice skills in a social work context.			
Pre-requisites: 7737.7101; 7737.7102; 7737.7103; 7737.7104			
Co-requisites: Nil			
Fieldwork: 60 days (450 hours minimum)			
Fieldwork Tuatahi	7737.7104	30	7
Aim: To enable students to integrate theoretical learning within a 'real life' social work context.			
Pre-requisites: All level 6 courses			
Co-requisites: Nil			
Fieldwork: 60 days (450 hours minimum)			

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Human Development and Social Work Aim: To introduce students to theories and models of human development across the lifespan. <i>Pre-requisites: Nil</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i>	7737.5105	15	5
Indigenous Voices Aim: To enable students to gain an in-depth understanding of the process and impact of colonisation for Māori and other indigenous people. <i>Pre-requisites: Nil</i> <i>Co-requisites: 7737.5103; 7737.5106</i>	7737.5101	15	5
Integrating Theory and Practice Aim: To enable students to integrate practice knowledge, skills and theoretical learning with practice experience. <i>Pre-requisites: All level 5 courses</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i> <i>Fieldwork: 20 days (150 hours minimum)</i>	7737.6106	30	6
Mental Health and Addictions Aim: To provide students with a historical and contemporary overview of attitudes to mental health and mental health disorders. <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.5106</i> <i>Co-requisites: 7737.6101</i>	7737.6104	15	6
My Social Work Voice Aim: To enable students to integrate their knowledge of social work theory and practice with their own personal values, beliefs and world views to derive a justified personal framework of practice <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.7101</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i>	7737.7105	15	7
Professional Social Work Practice Aim: To enable students to develop the values, behaviours and practice required of a professional social worker and understand the role and function of professional social work supervision. <i>Pre-requisites: Nil</i> <i>Co-requisites: 7737.5108</i>	7737.5107	15	5
Social Justice in Action Aim: To critically evaluate a range of theories and practices designed to effect social change within the context of social policy development and implementation. <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.7102; 7737.7103</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i>	7737.7106	30	7
Social Work Fields of Practice Aim: To enable students to acquire knowledge, skills and values necessary for working in a range of practice fields <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.5104; 7737.5106; 7737.5108</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i>	7737.6103	15	6
Social Work Practice Skills Aim: To provide students with an introductory understanding and skill set to build effective interpersonal relationships. <i>Pre-requisites: Nil</i> <i>Co-requisites: 7737.5107</i>	7737.5108	15	5
Social Work Theoretical Frameworks Aim: To introduce students to a range of theoretical frameworks, primary perspectives and practice models which influence and impact on the social work process. <i>Pre-requisites: Nil</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i>	7737.5104	15	5
Special Topic Aim: To enable the student to carry out an in-depth investigation of a contemporary topic relevant to their future social work practice aspirations and justify practice recommendations based on evidence gathered. <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.7102</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i>	7737.7107	30	7
Tauīwi Voices Aim: To enable students to understand the impact of diversity and difference from a personal and structural perspective. <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.5101; 7737.5102; 7737.5106</i> <i>Co-requisites: 7737.6104</i>	7737.6101	15	6
Te Ao Māori Aim: To introduce the student to aspects of whakapapa, tikanga (customs) and kaupapa Māori (Māori values) underpinning Māori epistemology and Māori world views. <i>Pre-requisites: Nil</i> <i>Co-requisites: Nil</i>	7737.5102	15	5
Transformative Social Work Aim: To enable students to critically evaluate the function of social workers as agents of transformative change in society. <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.6105; 7737.6106</i> <i>Co-requisites: 7737.7101</i>	7737.7103	30	7
Transformative Whānau Practice Aim: To introduce students to the form, functions and contemporary issues impacting on whānau in Aotearoa NZ. <i>Pre-requisites: 7737.5103; 7737.5106</i> <i>Co-requisites: 7737.6105</i>	7737.6102	30	6