

## Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

## Master of Advanced Social Work

**1 Background**

In view of the transition of the existing Bachelor of Social Work degree to a new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work degree, name changes are required for our existing suite of post-qualifying, specialist social work masters programs, in order to avoid confusion in marketing these various degrees. This proposal for the Master of Advanced Social Work degree has several aspects:

- A simple change of name from *Master of Social Work* to *Master of Advanced Social Work* for existing degrees and the specialist streams within them under course code 802;
- The addition of a new named stream, *Child and Family* which involves no introduction of new subjects;
- Streamlined subject sequences for these degrees. There will be an overall net reduction in subjects offered at post-qualifying level – some of the existing subjects will be utilised within the new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work program).

The existing post-qualifying Master of Social Work coursework program is attractive to many graduates in social work both locally and internationally, with practitioners preferring named specialist streams that are relevant to their fields of practice to the generic stream. Course code 802 also includes two research streams for which the course title must also change. These will be presented separately for course title change via the Research and Research Training Committee.

The required name changes are outlined in the following table:

Code	Stream code	EXISTING COURSE NAME	PROPOSED COURSE/STREAM NAME
802	AD	Master of Social Work (Coursework)	Master of Advanced Social Work
802	CL	Master of Social Work (Clinical)(Coursework only)	Master of Advanced Social Work (Clinical)
802	HL	Master of Social Work (Health)	Master of Advanced Social Work (Health)
802	HS	Master of Social Work (Human Services Management)(Coursework only)	Master of Advanced Social Work (Human Services Management)
802	MH	Master of Social Work (Mental Health)	Master of Advanced Social Work (Mental Health)
802	CF	new stream**	Master of Advanced Social Work (Child and Family)

**2 Course/Program Objectives:** Unchanged

**3 Entry Requirements:** Unchanged

**4 Course/Program Structure**

The Master of Advanced Social Work is a 100-point program that includes 5 subjects of 12.5 credit points each, plus the portfolio subject, *196540 Advanced Professional Practice*, of 37.5 credit points. The subject *196540 Advanced Professional Practice* is the major vehicle for specialisation, with the topic for development negotiated with a specialist academic supervisor. The degree can be completed in one year but most students choose the part-time option due to employment commitments. Each specialist stream has core subjects with an option to select remaining credits from any subject offered within the program.

The subject requirements for each of the existing specialist streams remain unchanged under the new degree title. The subjects for the new Child and Family stream are also existing subjects. The subjects required for each stream are detail below:

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Students must enrol in the mandated subject and choose at five elective subjects from any of the named specialist elective subjects and any of the named ‘concentration’ subjects from the new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work, or any other 500-level subject, subject to approval by the Course Coordinator.

Requirement	Code	Title	Credit Points
Elective		Elective 1	12.5
		Elective 2	12.5
		Elective 3	12.5
		Elective 4	12.5
		Elective 5	12.5
Mandated	196540	Advanced Professional Practice	37.5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>

***Master of Advanced Social Work (Clinical)***

Students must enrol in the mandated subject/s and choose at least two of the named specialist elective subjects in the table below. The remaining three elective subjects can be chosen from any of the named specialist elective subjects and any of the named ‘concentration’ subjects from the new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work, or any other 500-level subject, subject to approval by the Course Coordinator.

Requirement	Code	Title	Credit Points
Specialist elective (choose 2)	196520	Advanced Psychodynamic Perspectives	12.5
	196526	Advanced Clinical Practice	12.5
	196521	Advanced Practice with Groups	
Elective		Elective 1	12.5
		Elective 2	12.5
		Elective 3	12.5
Mandated	196540	Advanced Professional Practice	37.5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>

***Master of Advanced Social Work (Health)***

Students must enrol in the mandated subject/s and choose at least two of the named specialist elective subjects in the table below. The remaining three elective subjects can be chosen from any of the named specialist elective subjects and any of the named ‘concentration’ subjects from the new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work, or any other 500-level subject, subject to approval by the Course Coordinator.

Requirement	Code	Title	Credit Points
Specialist elective (choose 2)	196527	Psychosocial Themes in Health Practice	12.5
	196529	Psychosocial Change in Oncology	12.5
	196526	Advanced Clinical Practice	
Elective		Elective 1	12.5
		Elective 2	12.5
		Elective 3	12.5
Mandated	196540	Advanced Professional Practice	37.5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>

***Master of Advanced Social Work (Mental Health)***

Students must enrol in the mandated subject/s and choose at least two of the named specialist elective subjects in the table below. The remaining three elective subjects can be chosen from any of the named specialist elective subjects and any of the named 'concentration' subjects from the new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work, or any other 500-level subject, subject to approval by the Course Coordinator.

Requirement	Code	Title	Credit Points
Mandated	196519	Issues in Women's Mental Health	12.5
Mandated	196528	Depression and Anxiety	12.5
Elective		Elective 1	12.5
		Elective 2	12.5
		Elective 3	12.5
Mandated	196540	Advanced Professional Practice	37.5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>

***Master of Advanced Social Work (Human Service Management)***

Students must enrol in the mandated subject/s and choose at least three of the named specialist elective subjects from any of the named specialist elective streams or any of the named 'concentration' subjects from the new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work, or any other 500-level subject, subject to approval by the Course Coordinator.

Requirement	Code	Title	Credit Points
Mandated	196515	Managing Human Service Organisations	12.5
Mandated	196524	Managing People in the Human Services	12.5
Elective		Elective 1	12.5
		Elective 2	12.5
		Elective 3	12.5
Mandated	196540	Advanced Professional Practice	37.5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>

***Master of Advanced Social Work (Child and Family)***

Students must enrol in the mandated subject/s and choose at least one of the named specialist elective subjects in the table below. The remaining three elective subjects can be chosen from any of the named specialist elective subjects and any of the named 'concentration' subjects from the new entry-to-practice Master of Social Work, or any other 500-level subject, subject to approval by the Course Coordinator.

Requirement	Code	Title	Credit Points
Mandated	196505	Advanced Child and Family Practice	12.5
Specialist elective (choose 1)	196519	Issues in Women's Mental Health	12.5
	196520	Advanced Psychodynamic Perspectives	
	196526	Advanced Clinical Practice	
	196521	Advanced Practice with Groups	
Elective		Elective 1	12.5
		Elective 2	12.5
		Elective 3	12.5
Mandated	196540	Advanced Professional Practice	37.5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>

**5 Availability of Course**

The course is available full-time and part-time to Australian and international fee-paying students. The changes will take effect from 2008.