



Alphacrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Overview

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision	Program Director	Sharon Garro
	AQF Level	AQF Level 8 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Graduate Diploma
	Subjects	8
	Languages of Instruction	English
	CRICOS Code	093684G
	ASCED Code	090513
	Accreditation	Self-accredited (<i>last reviewed in 2025</i>)
	Course Length	1 year full-time; up to 4 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-diploma-applied-social-science/

COURSE OVERVIEW

This dynamic course develops your understanding of a broad range of social issues, along with best practice support and communication skills, equipping you to help others in a professional and ethical manner. You will be trained by academics and leaders from the industry who will support and encourage you in your studies. With a focus on applied social science, there is flexibility to select subjects based on a desire to upskill in a particular area of interest, such working with those impacted with grief or trauma, those with mental health support needs or working with children and families.

This course provides an advanced body of knowledge and professional application for graduates in a variety of applied social science contexts. Graduates may find employment in churches, not-for-profit and mission-focused organisations, community service-orientated positions, and positions that require research skills and critical thinking.

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Course Structure

Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course version.

This course structure applies from Semester 2, 2023 onwards.

The course structure is based on two semesters (each of 13 weeks duration, plus a study week), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises:

- 4 compulsory core subjects
- 4 elective subjects

To qualify for award of the degree of Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science a candidate shall complete at least 80 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core subjects	ACA401 Faith and Purpose SSC400 Foundations in Social Science Research and Writing SSC410 Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing SSC413 Interpersonal Communication Skills	4 x 10
Elective subjects	4 SSC 400 or 500 level subjects, except professional placement unit, and SSC519 Professional Accountability .	4 x 10
Other protocols of the course	Students must complete at least 2 subjects (20 credit points) at 500 level or above. This course does not include professional placement.	
Bridging/nested courses	There are no nested courses within the Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science.	

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Recommended Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode.

Students can track course progression using the template at the end of this handbook.

CORE	ELECTIVE
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First Year			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
ACA401	Faith and Purpose	SSC	Elective
SSC400	Foundations in Social Science Research and Writing	SSC	Elective
SSC410	Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	SSC	Elective
SSC413	Interpersonal Communication Skills	SSC	Elective



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To make high level, independent judgements in a range of technical or management functions in varied specialised contexts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad functions within varied specialised technical and/or creative contexts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With responsibility and accountability for personal outputs and all aspects of the work or function of others within broad parameters
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-awareness and the ability to be self-evaluative
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-care, professional conduct and the need to keep current in their field
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-organisation and well- developed judgement and adaptability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those attributes that prepare them for membership advancement in their chosen professional association
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpersonal relationships with superiors and sub-ordinates

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Work Integrated Learning

Work-Integrated Learning may be undertaken through various Professional Practice and Professional Experience subjects at AC. These subjects seek to create a direct linkage between the learning, skills and values engaged in lectures, and the reflection which occurs when these are applied in real-life settings. These work-based training subjects comprise of instruction, academic assessment and a placement in a workplace for each subject.

There is no placement included in this course.

Other Course Information

For other course information, visit the course web page:

<https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-diploma-applied-social-science/>

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Useful Links

AC WEBSITE



<https://www.ac.edu.au/>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



<https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/>

HOW TO ENROL



Please see the [Timetable](#) for available subjects and contact [Student Support Team](#) for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

AC POLICIES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/>

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Enrolled students will have access to AC's [LMS](#)

FEES



<https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/>

STUDENT FORMS



<https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/>

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/>

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Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: studentsupport@ac.edu.au or book a phone or video call via: [Bookings](#)

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

<https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/>

For disability support please contact dso@ac.edu.au

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Course Progression Tracking Template

Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

- 4 compulsory core subjects
- 4 elective subjects
- For detailed subject information please refer to the [website](#)

Subject Code	Pre-Requisite	Subject Name	Completed
SSC400	<i>Nil</i>	Foundations in Social Research, Writing, and Methods	
SSC410	<i>Nil</i>	Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	
SSC413	<i>Nil</i>	Interpersonal Communication Skills	
ACA401	<i>Nil</i>	Faith & Purpose	

Electives – 4 Subjects

Code	Subject Name	Completed
SSC		
SSC		
SSC		
SSC		