



FOAE WORKPLACE LEARNING – HUMAN SERVICES – PPA PROCESS

(FOR STUDENTS IN THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK & MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK - PROFESSIONAL QUALIFYING)

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ASSESSMENT (PPA)

The Australian Association of Social Workers ([AASW](#)) and Charles Sturt University support the recognition of students' previous industry experience. Our PPA process replaces what was previously referred to as 'Recognition of Prior Learning' (RPL) and is **ONLY applicable** to students enrolled in the **Social Work Field Education 1** subjects (HCS323 or HCS525).

In the PPA strand of Social Work Field Education 1, students complete a series of assessments in which they reflect on their practice experience. These reflections enable students to demonstrate how they meet the AASW practice standards and are developing their professional identity as beginning social workers.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for PPA, the student must have worked for at least the equivalent of three full-time years in a setting deemed appropriate as a field education setting required for a first placement student and demonstrate competencies against AASW practice standards.

At least the final year of the student's work experience must be within three years of applying for PPA.

To be assessed for eligibility, please supply a copy of your resume / curriculum vitae (CV). You need to clearly demonstrate in your resume / CV:

- how long you have held each position from month and year to month and year
- indicate the number of hours worked per week in each position
- provide job descriptions for the relevant periods (see points above)

Please email these documents to the **Workplace Learning (WPL) office** – foae-wpl@csu.edu.au – and one of our team members will consult with you regarding your eligibility.

Please check your eligibility prior to Session 1 commencing.

REGISTRATION

Social Work Field Education 1 is a year-long subject and students need to enrol in their Field Education 1 subject when undertaking PPA. Assessment tasks are spread throughout the year.

Once a student is correctly enrolled, they will be invited to upload mandatory compliance documents to InPlace and complete an online registration form indicating they are completing the PPA strand.

PPA ASSESSMENTS

Assessment will involve:

- A demonstration of how you have met the outcomes of the Social Work Field Education 1 subject.
- An analysis of the social work theories that have informed your practice
- Critical reflection on your values, ethical dilemmas in practice and your emerging social work identity



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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