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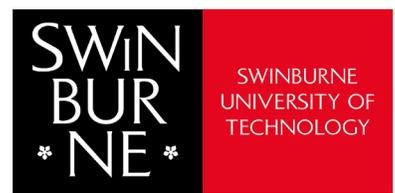
Psychology and Community Services Experience Lab

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Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Swinburne's Australian campuses are located in Melbourne's east and outer-east, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We are honoured to recognise our connection to Wurundjeri Country, history, culture, and spirituality through these locations, and strive to ensure that we operate in a manner that respects and honours the Elders and Ancestors of these lands.

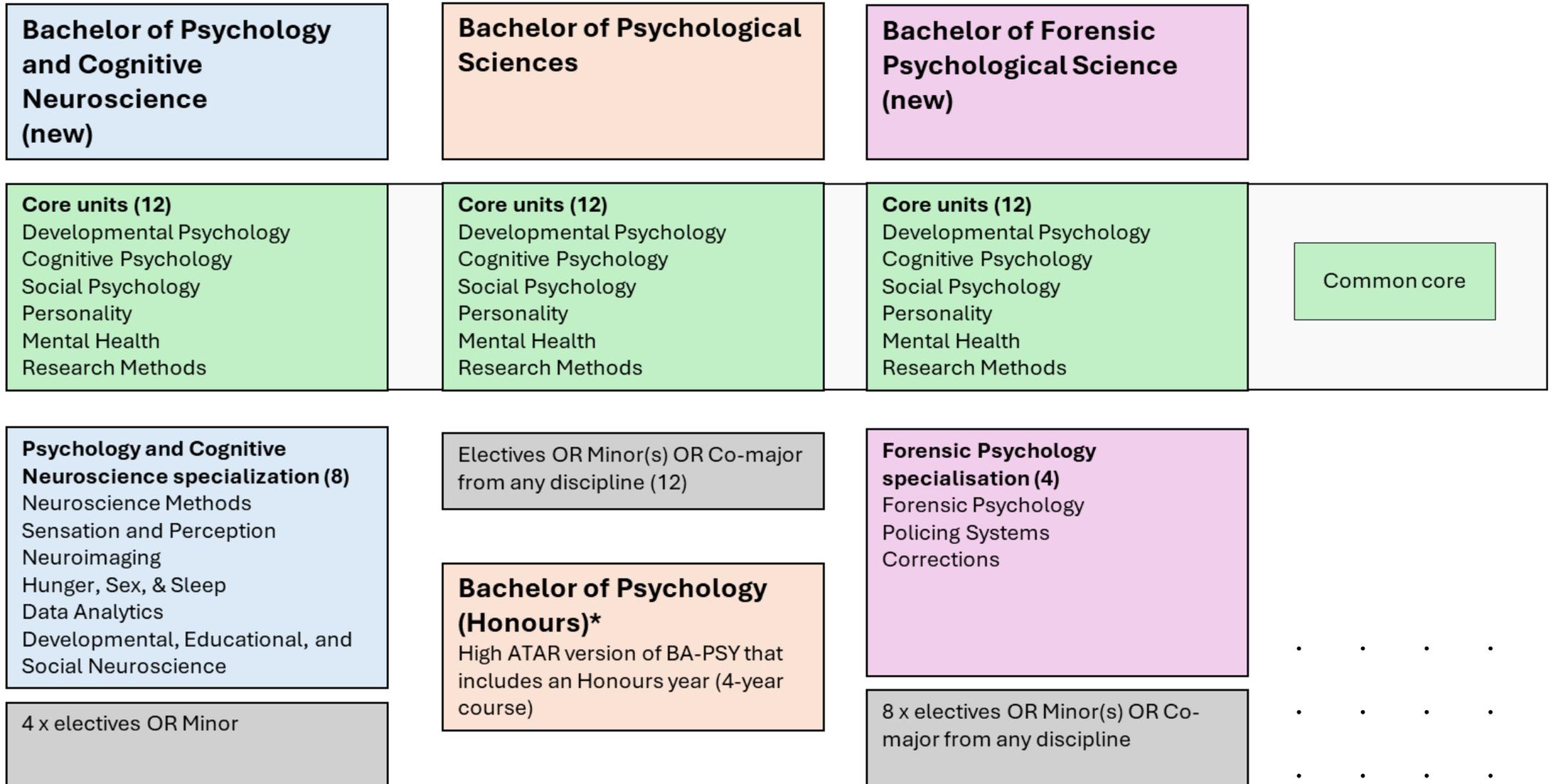
We also respectfully acknowledge Swinburne's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, students, alumni, partners and visitors.

We also acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of lands across Australia, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures, and heritage, and recognise the continuing sovereignties of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations.

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Psychology at Swinburne

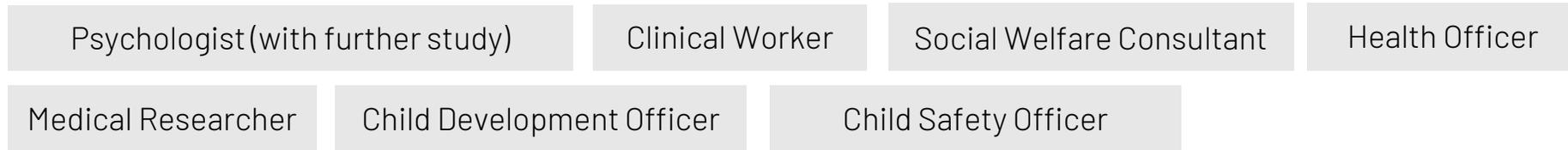


Bachelor of Psychological Sciences

3 Years Full Time – Hawthorn Campus

→ The **Bachelor of Psychological Sciences** provides specialised study in developmental psychology, cognition, social psychology, personality, psychological measurement, and abnormal psychology, while developing skills in project management, research design, and report writing. Graduates of this degree can apply for the Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours).

→ Career Opportunities



60

ATAR Guaranteed Entry
Score for 2026

20

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

25

VCE EAL
(Units 3 and 4)



Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

4 Years Full Time – Hawthorn Campus

→ The **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)** is a four-year program that prepares you for postgraduate study and a career as a psychologist, covering areas such as abnormal and developmental psychology, cognition, assessment, personality, social psychology, and related sciences.

→ Career Opportunities

Social Welfare Consultant

Health Officer

Medical Researcher

Clinical Worker

Child Safety Officer

Child Development Officer

80

ATAR Guaranteed Entry
Score for 2026

25

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

30

VCE EAL
(Units 3 and 4)



Bachelor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience

3 Years Full Time – Hawthorn Campus

→ The **Bachelor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience** combines psychology with specialised studies in neuroscience, covering areas like neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and neuroimaging. Gain a strong understanding of brain-behaviour relationships for careers or further study in psychology, neuroscience, healthcare, or research.

→ Career Opportunities

Research Scientist

Rehabilitation Counsellor

Training and Development Professional

Disability Support Officer

Drug and Alcohol Case Manager

Psychologist (with further study)

70

ATAR Guaranteed Entry
Score for 2026

25

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

30

VCE EAL
(Units 3 and 4)



Bachelor of Forensic Psychological Science

3 Years Full Time – Hawthorn Campus

→ The **Bachelor of Forensic Psychological Science**, Australia's first forensic psychology degree, explores the intersection of psychology and law. Study developmental psychology, social psychology, personality, and mental health to prepare for careers in policing, courts, corrections, youth justice, and child protection.

→ Career Opportunities

Welfare Support Worker

Child Protection Practitioner

Residential Care Worker

Counsellor

Diversional Therapist

60

ATAR Guaranteed Entry
Score for 2026

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VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

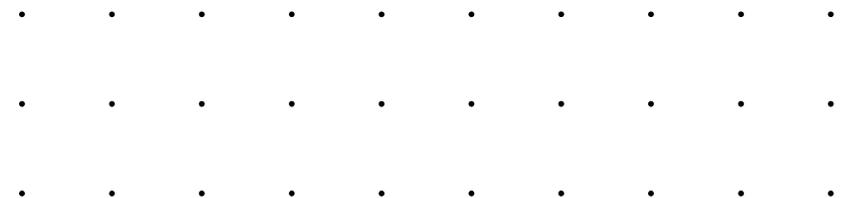
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VCE EAL
(Units 3 and 4)



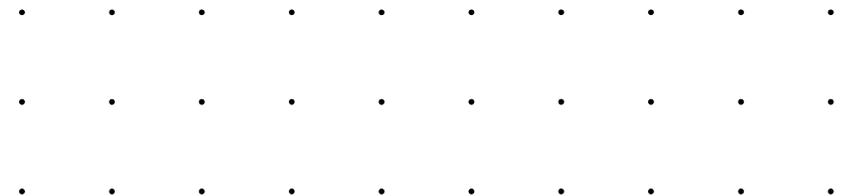
Double degrees with Psychological Sciences

- Bachelor of Psychological Sciences/Bachelor of Arts
 - 4 years; 60 ATAR
- Bachelor of Psychological Sciences/Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Criminology
 - 4 years; 60 ATAR
- Bachelor of Psychological Sciences/Bachelor of Laws
 - 4.5 years; 80 ATAR



Pathways into Psychological Sciences

DESTINATION DEGREE	PATHWAY OPTIONS	MAXIMUM CREDIT
Bachelor of Psychological Sciences	Diploma of Community Services Diploma of Health Science [UniLink]	8 units 8 units



Community Services at Swinburne

Diploma Youth Work

16 Core and 5 Elective (120hrs Optional Placement) (200hrs Placement)

Core Unit Themes

- Diversity
- First Nations
- Legal/Ethical decision making
- Group work
- Communication
- Children at risk
- Mental Health
- Crisis management
- Work Health Safety
- Youth work
- Develop programs
- Case Management
- Analyse sociological factors

Elective Unit Themes

- Working with co-existing needs
- Networking and partnerships
- Family Violence
- Trauma Informed Care

Diploma Community Services

12 Core and 8 Elective (400hrs or 200hrs)

Core Unit Themes

- Diversity
- First Nations
- Legal/Ethical decision making
- Debriefing and reflecting on own practice
- Family Violence
- Crisis Management
- Working with co-existing needs
- Work Health Safety
- Develop programs
- Case Management
- Analyse sociological factors

Elective Unit Themes

- Community Development
- Trauma Informed
- Goal planning
- Advanced assessment
- Counselling/engagement skills

Cert IV Youth Work

15 Core and 2 Elective (120hrs Optional Placement)

Core Unit Themes

- Diversity
- First Nations
- Legal/Ethical decision making
- Group work
- Communication
- Family Violence and children at risk
- Mental Health
- Trauma Informed Care
- Crisis management
- Work Health Safety
- Youth work

Elective Unit Themes

- Working with co-existing needs
- Networking and partnerships

Cert IV Community Services

7 Core and 8 Elective (No placement)

Core Unit Themes

- Diversity
- First Nations
- Communication
- Legal/Ethical decision making
- Networking and partnerships
- Communication
- Family Violence
- Work Health Safety

Elective Unit Themes

- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Working with co-existing needs
- Crisis management
- Reporting abuse
- Community Development
- First Nations
- Mental Health
- Homelessness

Cert IV Mental Health

11 Core and 4 Elective (120hrs placement)

Core Unit Themes

- Diversity
- First Nations
- Legal/Ethical decision making
- Mental Health
- Recovery practice and relationships
- Dual Diagnosis
- Trauma Informed Care
- Self advocacy
- Social, emotional and physical wellbeing
- Networking and partnerships
- Work Health Safety

Elective Unit Themes

- Crisis management
- Case management
- Family Violence
- Group work

Cert IV Mental Health Peer Work

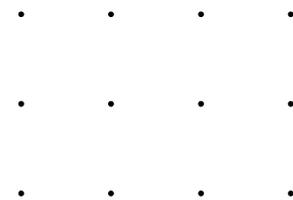
8 Core and 7 Elective (80hrs placement)

Core Unit Themes

- Diversity
- Peer work practice
- Apply lived experience to peer work
- Trauma Informed Care
- Self advocacy
- Social, emotional and physical wellbeing
- Work Health Safety

Elective Unit Themes

- Crisis management
- Group work
- Mental Health
- Recovery practice and relationships
- Dual Diagnosis
- Reflect on own practice



Certificate IV in Community Services

1 Year Full Time – Croydon, Wantirna

→ The **Certificate IV in Community Services** aims to give students the knowledge, skills and values required to work as a professional in community services. Designed to ensure a balance between theory and practical learning, this course highlights the importance of person-centred services to individual and groups.

This is a nationally approved vocational course that is recognised throughout Australia.

Career Opportunities:

Community Services Worker

Welfare Worker

Family Support Worker

NDIS Worker

Outreach Officer

N/A

N/A

N/A

VCE / VCE VM

ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score
for 2026

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

VCE Maths
(Units 3 and 4)

Year 12 Entry



Certificate IV in Youth Work

Free TAFE course

1 Year Full Time – Hawthorn, Wantirna

→ The **Certificate IV in Youth Work** provides students with the opportunity to make a positive difference to the lives of at-risk young people. Gain the skills and knowledge to develop and implement programs that address their social, behavioural, health, welfare, developmental and protection needs. This course teaches you to foster community engagement and participation across areas including, family violence, homelessness and more.

Career Opportunities:

Youth Worker

Youth & Family
Services Worker

Youth Housing
Support Worker

Residential Care
Worker

N/A

N/A

N/A

VCE / VCE VM

ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score
for 2026

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

VCE Maths
(Units 3 and 4)

Year 12 Entry



Diploma of Youth Work

Free TAFE course

1.5 Years Full Time – Hawthorn

→ The **Diploma of Youth Work** aims to equip students to provide support that meets the diverse needs of young people and make a difference to communities and individuals. This course focuses on developing and implementing programs that address the challenges faced by young people. You'll learn how to work within organisational guidelines to achieve positive outcomes with your services. After graduating, you'll be ready for employment in community organisations, government agencies and other settings dedicated to youth development.



Career Opportunities:

Youth Worker	Program Coordinator	Recreation Coordinator	Community Development Officer
N/A	N/A	N/A	VCE / VCE VM
ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score for 2026	VCE English (Units 3 and 4)	VCE Maths (Units 3 and 4)	Year 12 Entry

Certificate IV in Mental Health

Free TAFE course

6 Months Full Time – Hawthorn, Croydon, Wantirna

→ Help to promote wellbeing from a holistic perspective in a society faced with challenges.

The **Certificate IV in Mental Health** gives you the knowledge and skills required to work as a professional in community mental health. Designed to ensure a balance between theory and practical learning, this course offers subjects including: crisis and risk management, support for drug and alcohol users, and therapeutic coaching skills.

Please note that this course may be capped once the course reaches its maximum capacity.

Career Opportunities:

Mental Health Coordinator

Mental Health
Outreach

Mental Health Intake
Officer

Mental Health Support
Worker

N/A

N/A

N/A

VCE / VCE VM

ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score
for 2026

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

VCE Maths
(Units 3 and 4)

Year 12 Entry



Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work

Free TAFE course

1 Year Part Time - Hawthorn, Croydon

- Use your lived experience with mental health to assist others by studying the **Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work**. Learn skills to work in roles that support the promotion of wellbeing. This course is presented online and on campus by experienced facilitators and uses actor simulations to teach workplace practice scenarios. Please note that this course may be capped once the course reaches its maximum capacity.



Career Opportunities:

Peer Practitioner	Carer	Family Peer Support	Mental Health Peer Support Worker	Consumer Advocate
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N/A

N/A

N/A

VCE / VCE VM

ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score for 2026

VCE English (Units 3 and 4)

VCE Maths (Units 3 and 4)

Year 12 Entry

Diploma of Community Services

1.5 Years Full Time – Hawthorn, Croydon, Wantirna

→ The Diploma of Community Services equips you with the skills, knowledge and understanding to work in community services in a range of settings. Gain the skills needed in the delivery, management, and coordination of person-centred services to individuals, groups, and communities.

Pathways into: A range of different bachelor degrees, including Bachelor of Psychological Sciences

→ **Career Outcomes:**

Family Support Worker

Client Service Assessor

Group Facilitator

Case Worker

Child Protection Worker

Mental Health Support Worker

N/A

N/A

N/A

VCE / VCE VM

ATAR Guaranteed Entry
Score

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

Any VCE Maths
(Units 3 and 4)

Year 12 Entry



Industry Partners



Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency VACCA

Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service BWAHS

No to Violence NTV

Department of Families, Fairness and Housing DFFH – Child Protection/ Housing/Forensic Disability services

Councils Boroondara/Knox/Maroondah/Yarra Ranges – Youth Programs

Community Corrections

Australian Community Support Organisations ACSO

Schools in Wellbeing teams

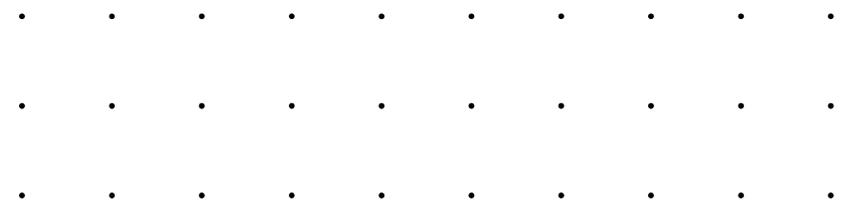
MIND Australia

Wellways

NEAMI National: Mental Health & Wellbeing Support

FREE- Family Violence

Salvation Army



Student Panel



Lachie

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
Northcote High School

Martina

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Psychology and Psychophysiology) - *(Now Bachelor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience)*
Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg

Alex

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and Certificate IV Mental Health
Beaconhills College, Berwick

