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**Choose your health degree**

Flinders University offers a range of future-focused health degrees that will allow you to follow your interest across areas as diverse as medicine, nursing, health sciences, audiology, social work and more. Choose a degree that reflects your passions and graduate with the skills and knowledge to take your place in an ever-changing world.

**Take your place in a critical industry**

The importance of health workers to our society has never been more evident, and projected employment growth through to November 2026 looks strong across many health specialties.*

* National Skills Commission 2022 occupation projections

**Projected growth through to 2026**

- Audiologists and speech pathologists/therapists – 34.7%
- Health professionals – 15.6%
- Medical practitioners – 11.7%
- Midwives – 21.6%
- Occupational and environmental health professionals – 15.9%
- Physiotherapists – 28.7%
- Psychologists and Psychotherapists – 13.3%
- Registered nurses – 13.9%
- Social workers – 23.2%

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**Be taught by leaders in health and care**

Flinders’ health and care degrees are taught by highly qualified academics who are active in their respective fields and have the practical skills and industry networks to ensure that you graduate more than ready for the next step in your career path.

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**Gain real-world experience**

Flinders’ Work Integrated Learning (WIL) enables you to gain work experience while you study. You’ll have the opportunity to gain real-world experience through placements, practicums, field studies and simulated workplace settings and assessment activities. Flinders aims to provide each and every student with access to a WIL opportunity during their studies.

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Social Work is the career for those who want to change the world for the better, because they will never accept injustice.

Nationally and globally, we struggle with issues of child protection, domestic and family violence, housing and homelessness, racial inequalities and many other social problems. Issues of social inequality have become daily headlines, and we need skilled graduates to work towards social change.

Implement positive changes in the lives of others

Explore a career that makes a positive impact on society. Your career could see you working in child protection or with older people. You could become a disability advocate or a drug and alcohol counsellor. You will enhance the wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities and address inequality and injustice.

A rewarding career

Social Work is a large occupation, employing over 46,000 people in 2022.* Projected employment growth for social workers through to November 2026 is also strong, with expected growth of 23.2%**

Starting a career in social work means joining a field with long-term career prospects.

* Source: Job Outlook January 2022  
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Study for success

With 1,000 hours of industry experience, purpose-built facilities and a highly experienced team of educators, studying social work at Flinders will see you graduate career-ready, with in-demand skills and knowledge.

No. 1 in SA in Social Work for median salary and learner engagement*

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Bachelor of Social Work

Bachelor of Social Work (External)*

Build a career helping, supporting and empowering people. This degree will equip you with the knowledge, skills and values required for social work practice. You’ll graduate prepared to work in a range of contexts, including government, not-for-profit and private organisations.

- You will be prepared to enact the values of the profession, including respect, social justice and professional integrity, and to work in a culturally responsive manner.
- You will learn to apply social work theories, methods and skills to enhance the wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities and to address inequality and injustice. Incorporating knowledge from a range of disciplines, including psychology, sociology and social policy, you will focus on the interaction between people, their environments and broader societal structures.
- This degree provides you with valuable industry experience, including two 500 hour supervised work placements in settings such as child protection services, hospitals, mental health services, aged care services and schools.
- You’ll also gain practical experience in the purpose-built on-campus Social Work Skills and Simulation Lab.
- On graduation, you’ll be eligible for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Career opportunities

Your degree could open up a range of employment opportunities, including:
- direct practice with individuals
- group work
- community development
- research
- social policy.

Areas of employment include:
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- health
- mental health
- domestic violence
- homelessness.

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SATAC code
244265
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244285
Prerequisites
None
Assumed knowledge
None
2022 selection rank
70.00
Guaranteed entry selection rank
80.00
TAEFisk
Dip or above
Adjustment factors
Yes

* Students can choose to attend in individual topics internally (face-to-face) or online (live-placed/interact). In accordance with AWSW requirements, students are required to attend the Bedford Park campus in South Australia for 20 days of face-to-face learning, focusing on practice skills. This is taught in intensives so that students in regional and remote areas and interstate can travel to attend.

Students are required to undertake a National Police Check as well as screening assessments through the Department of Human Services (DHS) for working with children, in the aged care sector and disability services. Students may also be required to address other industry-specific conditions before commencing placement.

Eric Amini
Bachelor of Social Work

Find out how social work placement is helping kickstart Eric’s career:

"I’m enjoying these new experiences and putting myself outside my usual comfort zone on placement. It can be challenging, but I can feel myself growing and my skills expanding. Flinders provided me with a variety of resources to help during placement. My external field educator has been a massive help, providing guidance and helping me set an agenda to cover a whole range of things while on placement."

Eric Amini, Bachelor of Social Work
Starting at Flinders

One of the world’s top universities, Flinders offers students a supportive, inclusive education in an unrivalled study environment.

Flinders is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world*.

* The World University Rankings 2022 as a percentage of the total number of universities in the world according to the International Association of Universities.

This is Flinders

Flinders Adelaide campuses include the Bedford Park campus, featuring an award-winning hub and plaza, with retail, food outlets and a state-of-the-art sport and fitness centre.

Flinders at Tonsley houses state-of-the-art facilities and close links to industry. In 2024, our Victoria Square CBD campus will move to the stunning new Flinders at Festival Tower on North Terrace, right beside the Adelaide Railway Station.

Take a virtual tour of Flinders University and explore our amazing locations. It’s the next best thing to being here!

Flinders.edu.au/vr

Flinders at Festival Plaza – opening 2024

Flinders University students want flexibility, convenience and connectivity. That’s why we’re taking our presence in the Adelaide CBD to a whole new level. As an anchor tenant in the new Festival Plaza development on North Terrace, Flinders will offer new courses and new career pathways in a new city campus.

Flinders in the Northern Territory

Flinders has many sites across the Northern Territory; our aim is to be a hub for innovative health research, education and workforce development in the NT.

Expansive footprint

Flinders’ health and medical footprint stretches from Adelaide to rural and remote areas in South Australia and the Northern Territory, enabling students and practitioners from an array of cultures and contexts to provide healthcare to a vast range of communities.
Getting to Flinders

Transport options
The Flinders Railway Line gets you from the CBD to Tonsley in a super-fast 20 minutes, or to Bedford Park in just 22 minutes. And with free Campus Connector and Tonsley Link bus services running 7am – 6pm Monday to Friday, getting to and from your studies is simple. You’ll be able to schedule your day without worrying about missing a single lecture!

flinders.edu.au/loop-bus

Plan your trip to Flinders: adelaidemetro.com.au/routes/flndrs

The Flinders railway line is now open

The new Flinders train line has made travel easier and more convenient than ever, linking Bedford Park to our Tonsley campus and the Adelaide city centre, now just 22 minutes away.

A new link from the north
Opened in June 2022, the electrified Gawler Rail Line provides services from the northern suburbs to the CBD, with express services expected to take around 48 minutes from Gawler to the CBD.

Plan your trip to Flinders CBD:
adelaidemetro.com.au/routes/gawc

Gawler to Festival Plaza in 48 minutes

For more information visit: flinders.edu.au/social-work
Get more out of your study

Combined degrees

Combining your degree with a qualification in another discipline will give you more expertise and expand your career prospects. Studying a combined degree at Flinders will help you stand out from the crowd. A combined degree is a combination of two Flinders bachelor degrees. As a combined degree graduate you will have two qualifications in just one to one-and-a-half years of extra study. There are dozens of combinations available, so why not explore your interests and find out where a combined degree could take you? Our combined degree programs are designed to enhance your educational, academic and professional qualifications while minimising the cost and length of your studies. Flinders’ combined degrees allow you to undertake in-depth study in exciting combinations that aren’t usually available in single degrees.

Flinders diplomas

Flinders’ diploma-level qualifications give you the chance to experience university life without having to commit to long-term study. The one-year Diploma in Business, Diploma in Laws, or Diploma in Arts give you the chance to explore a range of interests, and successful completion allows you to apply for up to one year of credit towards a range of bachelor degrees, and guaranteed entry to the following courses:
- Bachelor of Archaeology
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business Economics
- Bachelor of Creative Industries (Digital Media, Film and Television, Interactive Design, Theatre and Performance, Writing and Publishing, Festivals and Arts Production)
- Bachelor of Disability and Community Inclusion
- Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education
- Bachelor of Engineering Science
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of International Business (Wine, Spirits and Tourism)
- Bachelor of International Relations and Political Science
- Bachelor of Law and Society
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
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- Bachelor of Science

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Pathways to study

If you have secondary education

Year 12 Entry

Most Year 12 applicants enter university via the traditional entry method, where offers are made to eligible applicants with the highest selection rank until all places in the degree are filled. Your selection rank is used by Flinders to assess your admission to a course and is based on your ATAR plus any adjustment factors for which you are eligible.

flinders.edu.au/year12

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Elite Athlete Pathway

If you’re in Year 12, uniTEST is available to enhance your chances of getting into Flinders. We will select students based on their Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR selection rank) and uniTEST results (40%). Flinders will also consider applicants based on their uniTEST results (100%) as a standalone entry score (subject to SACE completion and any course prerequisites or specific admissions requirements). If you take the test and don’t do well, we will only consider your highest selection rank.

flinders.edu.au/unitest

If you haven’t achieved the results you expected

If you haven’t achieved the results you expected in Year 12, there are a number of pathways to your preferred degree. You can start studying one course and move to another via internal transfer or Flinderslink.

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School Recommendation Program

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Get more out of your study

Begin your journey to a successful career

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If you have some higher education

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Are you eligible?
To be eligible for the Indigenous Admission Scheme you must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person in accordance with the Commonwealth definition, which requires you to:
• be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
• identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and
• be accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which you live or have lived. You may be currently studying Year 12 or be a non-school leaver.

How to apply
1. Apply for the course you want to study through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). You will get an application number from SATAC that you will need for your Indigenous Admission Scheme application form.
2. Complete the Indigenous Admission Scheme application form online (flinders.edu.au/indigenousadmissions). If you are having trouble completing an online application, you can request a paper based application via ias@flinders.edu.au or call us on 08 8201 3033.
3. An interview is part of the application process, but you will be notified about this.

Application and interview dates
First round applications close early January for semester 1. For our midyear intake to a number of courses, applications close in June.

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Study abroad/scholarships

Over 450 scholarships worth $2.4 million in total — ranging from $1,000 to $20,000.

Take your studies overseas
Why wait until you graduate to explore the world? Flinders’ Learn Without Borders could see you studying overseas, gaining a unique perspective and immersing yourself in a different culture, language and lifestyle. Our global study programs are designed to allow students to take their Flinders study overseas and earn academic credit toward their Flinders program. With 70+ overseas partner universities, why wait until you graduate to see the world?

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Explore Flinders scholarships
Flinders offers a generous range of scholarships for students in undergraduate courses. With over 450 available scholarships, including scholarships to students from low socio-economic backgrounds, students from rural and regional areas, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, you may be eligible for support that will help you achieve your goals at university.

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Emilee Pyrke
Bachelor of Arts,
Conditional entry to Master of Teaching (Secondary)

“I always knew I wanted to study overseas at some stage during my degree. A semester exchange gave me the chance to complete topics that weren’t available in my home university and experience life in a city that is very different to my own. Having completed a semester overseas, I now have an edge over the countless other students that are completing the same degree as me and have formed memories that will always stay with me.”

Annelise Smith
Bachelor of Business (Advanced Leadership)

“The Wyndham Richardson Scholarship Fund has been invaluable to reduce the financial pressure during studies, especially now that I am in the later years of my degree.”

Ryan Rowston
Bachelor of Computer Science
Wyndham Richardson Scholarship Fund recipient
Flinders offers two admissions cycles each year for undergraduate degrees.

**Semester 1 – March start**
Applications open in August for commencement the following year.

**Semester 2* – July start**
Mid-year applications open in August for commencement in July the following year.
* Not all degrees are offered for semester 2.

**Key dates**
- Flinders Open Days: Friday 12 August, Saturday 13 August 2022
- Semester 1 Orientation week: 20 February 2023
- Semester 2 start date: 17 July 2023
- Semester 2 Orientation week: 24 July 2023

**Fees and charges**
Your course fees – Commonwealth support
- All our courses list indicative fees, but as an undergraduate student your course is Commonwealth supported provided you’re an eligible Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Your course being Commonwealth supported means that your course fees are shared between the Australian government and you – with your portion being the student contribution amount.
- **HECS-HELP loan**
  - You won’t have to pay your fees up-front if you’re an Australian citizen or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa. You can get a HECS-HELP loan for your student contribution portion of your uni fees. Find out more about costs to plan for while you’re at uni at flinders.edu.au/fees

**Admission pathway**
Any one of the options available to a prospective higher education student that will enable them to meet the entry requirements of their chosen courses.

**ATAR**
The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a ranking from 30 (lowest) to 99.95 (highest) agreed by COAG as a nationally equivalent measure of a person’s relative academic ranking within their complete age cohort in the year they graduated from senior secondary school.

**Adjustment factors**
Often referred to as ‘bonus points’, these are additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant’s university aggregate to derive a person’s course selection rank.

**Defer**
Delaying the start of a course of study by one year (commencing students only). If you have already enrolled, then you need to withdraw from topics before you can defer.

**Guaranteed entry selection rank**
Achieve a selection rank equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank and you’ll be guaranteed a place at Flinders.

**Major**
A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, normally across all years of a course.

**Minor**
A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, generally as part of a major.

**Selection rank**
The ranking that tertiary admission centres and most universities actually use to assess admission to a course. A person’s course selection rank can include their ATAR, any adjustments they are eligible for, such as equity or subject adjustments, other contributions calculated on the basis of work experience or previous non-secondary study, portfolio assessments, results of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test, other supplementary tests, etc.
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