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# Social Work



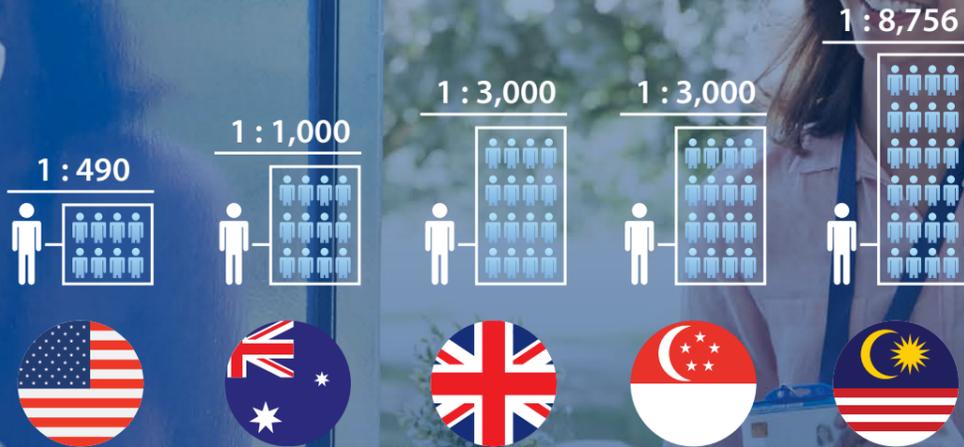
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## Global Status of Social Work

Across the world, social work practice and social work education are global endeavours. Social work is an international discipline, practiced in these areas: child and family welfare; health care; mental health services; substance addiction rehabilitation; offending and prison services; anti-violence and abuse; advocacy for human rights and social justice; social planning and policy; and social research and education.

## Ratio of Social Workers to Citizens

The chart below represents the ratio of social workers to the number of citizens in the specific country:



With good advocacy, support and recognition of this area, social work experts believe Malaysia aims to narrow this gap in the next five years.

## Types of Social Work

- Advocacy and Community Organisation
- Aging
- Child Welfare
- Developmental Disabilities
- Health Care (Medical Social Work)
- Justice and Corrections
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Occupational and Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Policy and Planning
- Community Development

## EDUCATION PATHWAY



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### SIJIL PELAJARAN MALAYSIA (SPM)

Min. 3 credits in any subjects

### O LEVEL / IGCSE

Min. 3 credits in any subjects

### SIJIL TINGGI PERSEKOLAHAN MALAYSIA (STPM)

Min. Grade C in any subjects

### ICCE GENERAL CERTIFICATE

Min. 80% in 5 subjects

### APEL (A) CERTIFICATE

### OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Other equivalent qualifications recognised by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) or Malaysian Government will be considered on a case-by-case basis

## UNIVERSITIES THAT OFFER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK

### LOCAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

- Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
- Universiti Malaya (UM)
- Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)
- Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)
- Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
- Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA)
- Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)

### INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

- University of Hong Kong
- University of London
- University of the Philippines
- Singapore University of Social Sciences
- University of South Australia

\*partial listing only.

# Diploma in Social Work

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Social work practice requires diverse learning across a wide range of multi-discipline knowledge areas. The programme incorporates practice and procedural knowledge in key areas of practice, such as child and family welfare, health and mental health, drug and alcohol addictions, domestic violence and disabilities.

This programme is designed with reference to the National Competency Standards for Social Work Practice (2010), where standard areas are identified at a specific level to prepare diploma students and working adults to acquire in-depth knowledge of human behavior within the context of family, community and society. It offers students courses that emphasise ethical values and conduct, contribute toward self-development, and build psychosocial skills.

Upon successful completion of this programme, students will have the experience and ability to empower individuals, families, groups, communities and organisations to enhance social functioning and quality of life. They will be part of a dynamic practice that promotes universal values and ethical principles of human rights and social justice. Their work will involve an accountable process of problem-solving based on theories and indigenous knowledge, values, intervention skills and compliance to competency standards of practice.

## INTAKE

January & August

**2.5** (full time)  
**3.3** (part time)  
Years Programme



### Experiential Learning

Two 16-week field placement sessions with various organisations, such as Malaysian Care, Yayasan Chow Kit, Pink Triangle Foundation and many more comprehensively equips students with first-hand learning experience under the guidance of industry experts.

### Industry Relevant Curriculum

A competency-based educational programme designed in reference to the National Competency Standards for Social Work Practice (2010). Speakers from renowned NGOs, such as Women's Aid Organisation and Yayasan Kajian & Pembangunan Masyarakat are frequently engaged to conduct sessions and trainings.

### Dynamic Practical & Hands-on Training

Frequent practical and interactive training sessions equip students with the skills and knowledge required in various social work areas.

### Learning Beyond Classrooms

Field trips to locations, such as PPR flats, indigenous villages, welfare homes and more take place to give students valuable exposure and experience, preparing them to excel in field placements and future employment.

### Professional Academics

Learn from a combination of both experienced and enthusiastic lecturers, who have worked in specific fields of the social work industry for over 20 years.

### Strong Access & Network

Enjoy access to global networks and professional events by renowned international social work organisations.

### Acquire Membership with MASW

Enable professional membership with the Malaysian Association of Social Workers.



## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### Human Behaviour and Social Environment (HBSE)

- Introduction to Psychology for Social Workers
- Introduction to Sociology for Social Workers

### Social Welfare Policies, Programmes and Services (SWPP)

- Introduction to Professional Social Work
- Social Problems and Social Needs in Malaysia
- Organisational Context of Social Work Practice
- Public Policy and the Law and Social Work Practice

### Elective Subjects

- Working with the Aging and Elderly
- Working with Minority Populations

### Social Work Methods

- Social Work Methods I – Casework
- Social Work Methods II – Group work
- Social Work Methods III – Community Work
- Publicly Accountable Practice
- Interpersonal and Counselling Skills in Social Work Practice
- Art in Social Work Practice
- Preparation for Field Placement I
- Transferring Field Placement Learning I
- Preparation for Field Placement II
- Transferring Field Placement Learning II
- Preparing for Graduate Practice
- Field of Practice I – Child and Family Welfare
- Field of Practice II – Health and Mental Health
- Field of Practice III – Drug and Alcohol Addiction
- Working with Domestic Violence Concerns
- Working with People with a Disability

### Social Work Field Practice

- Field Placement I
- Field Placement II

### \*MATA PELAJARAN UMUM (MPU) SUBJECTS:

- Pengajian Malaysia 2
- Character Formation
- Moral Studies
- Service Learning
- Bahasa Kebangsaan A  
For local students who do not have credit in SPM BM
- BM Komunikasi 1  
For international students

#### NOTE:

\* MPU Subjects: The Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) requires all students to take Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU) (i.e. General Studies) within the duration of their studies. MCKL established a series of subjects that different programs need to implement for all students to meet the Ministry's requirements. Subjects will differ depending on the institution and the level of degree the student is taking.

## AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT



### Government Departments

- Social Welfare Assistant
- Social Development Assistant
- Community Development Assistant
- Medical Social Work Assistant



### Non-Government Welfare Organisations

- Caseworkers
- Community Workers
- Programme/Project Coordinators
- Youth Workers
- Assistant Social Workers
- Welfare Assistants



### Corporate Organisations

- Training & Development
- CSR Department
- Employee Relations

## PARTNERS



### Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW)

The Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW) was founded in 1973 and is registered as an affiliate member of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), with the purpose of promoting and maintaining the quality of social work practice and education in Malaysia.



### PPPPSKM Persatuan Pekerja Prihatin dan Pekerja Sosial Kristian Malaysia (PPPPSKM)

In the wake of the Social Workers Bill, PPPPSKM gathered social workers together to inform, support and prepare them for the changes to the policy.



### DUMC (Damansara Utama Methodist Church)

DUMC's Social Concerns and Community Development department was founded with the mission to advocate community engagement in our nation, bringing justice to a needy society, building hope, and transforming lives in Malaysia.



### HISTEAM

HISTEAM is a care organisation established in 2007 to transform the community by acting justly, loving mercy and walking with humility.



### Yayasan Kajian dan Pembangunan Masyarakat (YKPM)

YKPM, also known as Foundation for Community Studies and Development (FOCUSED), was founded in 1993 to empower poor communities, both rural and urban, by working alongside them.

## TESTIMONIALS



### Jacqualine Yap Siew Peng

Diploma in Social Work, MCKL  
Strategy Coordinator/ Social Worker, STAMP BHD

The whole academic and practicum of this course has been carefully crafted to give a holistic insight into the social work worldview. It covers as many subjects as possible to give us an overall core of what social work is all about. The two internship exposures were tremendously priceless as well. It is not only about getting more knowledge, values and skills, but also the ability to translate what we learned into our workplace.



### Rizuan Tempek

Diploma in Social Work  
Social Worker, Jaringan Kampung Orang Asli Semenanjung Malaysia (JKOASM)

When I received the news that MCKL is offering a Diploma in Social Work, I looked at the syllabus and saw it was well-rounded. It covered most aspects of social work – psychology, sociology, law and policy, and working with the target community (internships). It also fit my criteria of not having to take a break from my work commitment because the classes were during the weekends.



### Elsie Lee

Course Advisor, MCKL

Students who join MCKL's Diploma in Social Work programme, come from a wide age range of 19-55 years old; hence, anybody can take up social work. The important thing is to get the right kind of knowledge, information and skills to work professionally, logically and rationally without getting burned out. It is important for young people to come in the proper way, through a certified programme.



### Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria

Co-Founder of DSW programme, MCKL

The social needs and issues in Malaysia require workers who have clear understanding of human and community needs, social work and counselling skills, in-depth knowledge on abuse and addressing needs. There have been cases where the volunteer role has resulted in further psychological damage on victims or the volunteers have physically and sexually abused victims. Therefore, there is a need to better equip the volunteers and staff with knowledge, skills, competencies and values, including a commitment to ethical practices.

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Since its establishment in 1983, the College has gained a reputation of providing quality private education in the best of Methodist traditions. The educational experience is underpinned by core values, ethical standards and community involvement. Experienced lecturers teach classes and they give personal attention to their students. The College also provides student counselling (personal and academic), including making career choices and support for university applications.

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