

SWK308

# Community and Home Care for Healthy Ageing

School: School of Law and Society

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 UniSC Sunshine Coast  
UniSC Moreton Bay

**BLENDED  
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus, unless your program has specified a mandatory onsite requirement.

Please go to [usc.edu.au](http://usc.edu.au) for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

## 1. What is this course about?

### 1.1. Description

Students will examine the complexity of the health and social care system as it relates to older adults, highlighting theory, research, stereotypes and policy relevant to working with older adults. Students will learn to engage with older adults requiring support and develop an understanding of community services/resources to support healthy ageing. Students will explore evidence-based interventions and support services used to assist older adults to promote healthy ageing. Using case studies, students will develop skills to support older adults to engage with community and home services.

### 1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
<b>BLENDED LEARNING</b>			
<b>Learning materials</b> – Online learning materials	1hr	Week 1	10 times
<b>Tutorial/Workshop 1</b> – Tutorial	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
<b>ONLINE</b>			
<b>Learning materials</b> – Online learning materials	1hr	Week 1	10 times
<b>Tutorial/Workshop 1</b> – Online tutorial	2hrs	Week 1	10 times

### 1.3. Course Topics

Complex Issues and Contemporary Challenges in Aged Care

Healthy Ageing

Practice Approaches and Interprofessional Collaboration

Diversity, Rights, and Ethical Practice in Ageing

#### 1.4. Mature Content

Adult themes

### 2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

### 3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

### 4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING *
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Australian Association of Social Workers
1 Analyse the complexity of the health and social care systems and policies that shape the lives of older adults in Australia.	Knowledgeable	3, 4, 5
2 Identify and assess community-based services and resources that promote independence and social inclusion among older adults.	Knowledgeable	1, 3, 4, 5, 6
3 Demonstrate skills in engaging respectfully and effectively with older adults, using evidence-informed communication and assessment strategies.	Creative and critical thinker	1, 5, 6, 9
4 Collaborate effectively with interdisciplinary professionals, carers, and community organisations to plan, coordinate, and advocate for holistic care and healthy ageing.	Problem solving	1, 5, 6, 7, 9

#### \* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS	
1	Practice Standard 1: AASW Code of Ethics
3	Practice Standard 3: Human rights and social justice
4	Practice Standard 4: Culture, identity and intersectionality
5	Practice Standard 5: Critical thinking in practice
6	Practice Standard 6: Exercising professional judgement
7	Practice Standard 7: Professional identity
9	Practice Standard 9: Professional growth

### 5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

### 5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

### 5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

### 5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

### 5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

## 6. How am I going to be assessed?

### 6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

### 6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Class feedback

### 6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Case Study	Individual	45%	60 minutes	Week 9	Online Submission
All	2	Artefact - Professional, and Written Piece	Individual	45%	1500 words	Week 10	Online Submission
All	3	Written Piece	Individual	10%	1000 word total	Week 4	Online Discussion Board

#### All - Assessment Task 1: Simulated Case Study

<b>GOAL:</b>	Students complete a simulated home-visit interview (via SimCase) demonstrating communication, assessment, engagement, and problem solving skills.		
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Case Study		
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Online		
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>No.</b>		<b>Learning Outcome assessed</b>
	1	Demonstrates empathy, respect, and professionalism in simulated interaction	3
	2	Identifies client needs and appropriate community and home-based supports	2
	3	Demonstrates understanding of ageing theory, policy, and service frameworks	1
<b>GENERIC SKILLS:</b>	Communication, Collaboration, Problem solving		

### All - Assessment Task 2: Aged Care Plan

<b>GOAL:</b>	Based on the simulation of an older adult with complex needs, students develop a comprehensive Aged Care Plan that identifies needs, relevant community and home-care services, interdisciplinary collaborations, and policy frameworks. The plan must be evidence-informed and person-centred, addressing ethical, cultural, and practical considerations.	
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Artefact - Professional, and Written Piece	
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Online report	
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Learning Outcome assessed</b>
	1	Demonstrates understanding of ageing theory, policy, and service frameworks 1
	2	Identifies client needs and appropriate community and home-based supports 2 3
	3	Integrates interprofessional collaboration and ethical considerations 3 4
	4	Communicates professionally using appropriate structure and terminology 3 4
<b>GENERIC SKILLS:</b>	Communication, Collaboration, Problem solving	

### All - Assessment Task 3: Discussion Posts

<b>GOAL:</b>	Students contribute a 500-word post and two peer responses exploring a contemporary issue related to ageing.	
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Written Piece	
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Online	
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Learning Outcome assessed</b>
	1	Demonstrates understanding of contemporary issues and challenges in ageing 1
	2	Engages respectfully and constructively with peers 4
	3	Demonstrates professional writing and critical reflection 4
<b>GENERIC SKILLS:</b>	Communication, Collaboration	

#### 6.4. Assessment to competency mapping

PROGRAMME DELIVERY MODE	ASSESSMENT TYPE	TITLE	COMPETENCY	TEACHING METHODS
<b>AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AND ACCREDITATION STANDARDS (ASWEAS)</b>				
All delivery modes	Artefact - Professional, and Written Piece	Aged Care Plan	1	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
			4	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
			5	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
			6	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
	Case Study	Simulated Case Study	1	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
			5	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
			6	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
			7	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
	Written Piece	Discussion Posts	3	Taught, Practiced, Assessed
			9	Taught, Practiced, Assessed

#### 7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

#### 8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

##### 8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

##### 8.2. Specific requirements

Not applicable

#### 9. How are risks managed in this course?

#### 10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

##### 10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

## 10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

### Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

## 10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

Less than 15 minutes: No penalty

From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty

More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

## 10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email [safe@usc.edu.au](mailto:safe@usc.edu.au).

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email [studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au).

## 10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or [studentcentral@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentcentral@usc.edu.au).

## 10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email [studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au) or call 07 5430 1226.

## 10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email [AccessAbility@usc.edu.au](mailto:AccessAbility@usc.edu.au) or call 07 5430 2890.

## 10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

## 10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

## 10.10. General Enquiries

### In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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