

CATEGORY LIST FOR SOCIAL WORK PLACEMENTS

	Category	Description
Health & Mental Health	Community Mental Health	Non-government services supporting a variety of clients and their carers/families with mental health issues and concerns.
	Alcohol & Drugs	Non-government support services for individuals and their families affected by drug and alcohol misuse/addiction. May include residential rehabilitation facilities.
	Queensland Health & Hospitals	Government department: wide range of Qld Health run services including - aged care (acute/community), child & youth mental health (acute/community), adult mental health (acute/community), community health (acute/community), drug and alcohol (acute/community), child health (acute/community) and all inpatient health settings (eg hospital based with various focuses – oncology, surgical, maternity etc) * There is a centralised intake/interview process for all regions/areas. Some opportunities also exist for placements in private hospitals for social work students.
Disability, Aging & Community	Disability	Includes both government (Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs) and non-government services: providing supports to individuals with a disability, their families and carers (NB: primary disability is not a mental health diagnosis). Work ranges from children to adults depending on service.
	Community Development	Non-government agencies with a 'grass roots' approach, often involving group and community level interactions rather than individual support models. This includes centre-based work based in local communities eg neighbourhood centres.
	Aged	Non-government support services, residential facilities and HACC services for individuals aged 65 years and older. Options are extremely limited in this category
Families, Women & Children / Youth	Child Protection	This includes foster care services in NGOs. It also includes Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services: based in service centres working across variety of teams including intake and assessment, parenting under orders team, long term orders, foster carers etc. * There is a centralised intake/interview process for some regions.
	Education	School or TAFE/University based support services – ranges from primary schools to tertiary facilities. Options are extremely limited in this category.
	Family and Children	Non-government services that support children and families in a broad range of areas including parenting, welfare, housing and familial conflict issues. Often working across diverse populations and cultures.
	Women's Services	Non-government agencies providing services and supports exclusively for women (and children). These agencies often request female students only. Includes DV shelters/hostels and women's health and wellbeing services.
	Youth	Wide range of non-government services offering support to young people (usually aged between 12-25 years) across broad areas of need such as parenting, housing LGBTI, youth participation, drop-in centres etc.
Legal, Policy, Non-Government, Rural & Remote and International	Centrelink	Centrelink – placements based in offices with variety of opportunities depending on office – usually a combination of direct client work and a project / policy focus. Options are extremely limited in this category.
	Housing	Government and non-government support services with predominant focus on homelessness and welfare.
	Indigenous	Range of non-government services providing a range of support options to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families (eg housing, welfare, education, parenting, mental health etc) This category is different to multicultural.
	International	Overseas based placements only available to final placement students who meet criteria for international placement (policy available on website). Usually based in Indonesia, Nepal & India.
	Rural & Remote	Placements of significant distance away from UQ and as such attendance on campus is not possible during placement (eg Cairns, Roma) available to final placement students who meet criteria for rural and remote placement (policy available on website). Usually in government agencies such as Qld Health, Child Safety etc.
	Legal	Non-government legal services with a focus on advocacy, information and advice to clients with a broad range of legal issues or concerns. NB: options are extremely limited in this category.
	Local Government	Placements based with local city councils - focus on macro level work: policies, procedures, funding, grants and working with community partners.
	Multicultural	Non-government support services working alongside diverse cultural groups on a range of issues including resettlement services, counselling, refugee support, advocacy and welfare. This category is different to Indigenous
	Policy & Research	Placement with sole focus on policy development and research on topics in the human services field (limited 1:1 work in this area), often consultative with groups and agencies.
	Youth Justice/ Corrections	Department of Justice and Attorney-General: responsible for statutory case management and community reintegration support for young offenders on orders/parole. Includes court work. This may also include opportunities for placements in the area of corrections/recently released prisoners. Placement options are extremely limited in these services.