

Youth Work FAQ 2027

Can I exit my course early?

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Youth Work who have successfully completed **40 credit points (four units)** of Youth Work study may exit with a **Non-Award Certificate in Youth Work**.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Youth Work who have successfully completed **80 credit points (eight units)** of Youth Work study may exit with a **Diploma in Youth Studies**.

Contact your Course Coordinator for advice on how to exit your course early.

For further information, refer to the [Diploma in Youth Studies](#) and [Certificate in Youth Work](#) handbook entries.

Which units can I choose as electives?

You may select any four units from any course offered at ACU, subject to availability and meeting prerequisite requirements. Alternatively, you may complete **40 credit points (four units)** from the [Mental Health and Society Minor](#) in place of elective units.

Do I organise my own placement?

Your placement is a collaborative partnership between you, ACU and the host agency. Throughout the process, your Placement Coordinator will work closely with both you and the agency to identify a placement that aligns with your learning goals while meeting the unit requirements.

ACU will support you through the placement process, the host agency will provide opportunities for you to develop your professional skills in a real-world setting, and you will be responsible for actively engaging in the placement, meeting professional expectations, and working towards the required learning outcomes. This collaborative approach helps ensure your placement is a positive and meaningful learning experience for everyone involved.

Is there flexibility with how placements are undertaken?

Yes, where possible we aim to be flexible in how placements are undertaken while ensuring all accreditation and learning requirements are met. We recognise that students have diverse circumstances and learning needs, so we work with placement providers to explore options such as part-time placements, block placements and flexible scheduling. Any flexibility must still enable students to achieve the required learning outcomes and meet the placement hours and professional standards.

Can I get credit for previous Youth Work study or experience?

Yes. You may be eligible for credit for previous study, including a Diploma of Youth Work or related qualification. Credit is assessed on an individual basis. You can also apply for recognition of prior learning based on relevant previous learning and experience.

Can I study Youth Work part-time or online?

Yes. The Bachelor of Youth Work can be studied part-time. Some units may also be available online, however most youth work classes are held on campus. As Youth Work is a practice-based degree, some units require participation in classes and professional placement, so check the course map and unit availability when planning your enrolment.