AASW
Australian Association of Social Workers

Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS)

Domain 1: Readiness for professional practice

Standard 1 **Knowledge, skills and attributes**	Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to assure the public they are fit for safe, effective and ethical practice as entry-level practitioners.
Standard 2 **Professional identity**	Graduates have a clear sense of themselves developing as professional social workers with the confidence and competence expected of them by colleagues, employers and the public.

Domain 2: Alignment of theory and practice

Standard 3 **Knowledge for practice**	Graduates have acquired a coherent and contemporary knowledge base of theories, principles and concepts informing social work practice.
Standard 4 **Practice education**	The structure, developmental cycle and range of authentic practice-based learning activities are integrated with all elements of the overall program.
Standard 5 **Assessment**	Assessment strategies and tasks provide clear evidence of the progressive development of knowledge, skills, values and understandings of students as they advance through the program.

Domain 3: Policies, processes and resources

Standard 6 **Equity, access and student support**	Across all educational settings the student experience is characterised by equitable and accessible processes, recognising and supporting students as active contributors to their learning outcomes.
Standard 7 **Admissions, credit decisions and degree requirements**	Students are admitted to the program on the basis that they have the capability and suitability required to achieve the specified academic and practice learning outcomes.
Standard 8 **Leadership, staffing and resources**	The program is governed, managed and administered to a consistent quality, and is appropriately staffed by social work qualified staff who are eligible for membership of the AASW, and resourced to ensure it fully supports the preparation of entry-level social workers to practice safely and effectively.

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