



SU Chaplaincy Minimum Qualification requirements

SU's Minimum Qualification requirement for School Chaplaincy is the **Diploma of Youth Work**.

Qualifications¹ which meet the Minimum Requirement

The following qualifications **must** include units of competency in 'making appropriate referrals' and 'mental health'. As an example the two units of competency may be, or be equivalent to or higher than **CHCCS016 - Respond to client issues** and **CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues**

- **Diploma of Youth Work** (CHC50413 or CHC51408)
- **Diploma of Counseling** (CHC51712 or CHC51015)
- **Psychology**
Must be a qualification listed as an accredited course by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and the qualification contains an accredited sequence of psychology units
- **Social Work**
Must be a qualification that is listed on or consistent with the requirements for registration with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)
- **Education/Teaching**
Must be a qualification which enables registration with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT)
- **Community Work Qualifications**
Must hold full membership status with the Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA) and has been advised by ACWA in their membership approval that they hold qualifications congruent with the NSCP requirements.

Theology/Ministry Degrees

These qualifications do not meet DET's minimum requirements

Applicants **must hold CHC40413 Certificate IV in Youth Work** (or CHC41812) prior to employment.

Special Circumstances

In some circumstances it may be possible for a Chaplain to acquire the **Diploma of Youth Work** whilst employed as a Chaplain, provided the following conditions are met:

1. Prior to employment the Chaplain **must hold** one of the following qualifications
 - **Certificate IV in Youth Work** (CHC40413 or CHC41812)
 - **Certificate IV in Pastoral Care** (CHC41112 or CHC42315)
The above qualifications **must** include a units of competency in 'making appropriate referrals' and 'mental health': As an example the two units of competency may be, or be equivalent to or higher than **CHCCS422B Respond holistically to client issues and refer appropriately** and **CHCMH301C Work effectively in mental health**
2. Once appointed, a Chaplain must attain the **Diploma of Youth Work** as part of their ongoing Professional Development within 3 years of commencement.

Other Considerations

The Queensland Department of Education and Training require that a person who does not hold a Certificate IV in Youth Work or Pastoral Care must gain one of these through training or Recognition of Prior Learning. This needs to be completed prior to employment².

¹ **All** qualifications must be nationally recognised/accredited VET or higher education qualifications

² Contact SU if you are in a Remote/Regional area