

## CHART A COURSE

### Graduates who make a difference

**Course** Bachelor of outreach and community education.

Although disadvantaged students often interact with social workers and other professionals, without a co-ordinated approach the hard work doesn't always result in better outcomes.

"By giving our graduates an understanding of social work, as well as areas like maths, English or science, they are better prepared to increase the skills, aspirations and success of students who are at risk of failing school or leaving early," says the course co-ordinator for the bachelor of outreach and community education at La Trobe University, Associate Professor Marion Milton.

Graduates qualify as primary, secondary and student wellness teachers, and can work in community or outreach settings.

"We think the approach helps support students to stay on at school ... or go on to university," she says.

Applicants are looked on favourably if they have done voluntary or community work.

**Duration** Four years with practicums each year.

**Time** About 12 contact hours a week plus self-study (full-time load).

**Where** La Trobe University, Bundoora campus.

**When** Next intake 2014.

**Link** [latrobe.edu.au](http://latrobe.edu.au).

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