



What Can I Do with a Major in...

Social Work

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Adoption Caseworker
Adult Protective Services
Children's Services Worker
Congressional Aide
Consumer Advocate
Crisis Intervention
Domestic Violence Social Worker
Drug Rehabilitation Counselor
Employee Assistance
Family Services Social Worker
Foster Care Caseworker
Geriatric Case Worker
Grassroots organizer
Group Home Director
Hospice Coordinator
Human Services Worker
International Social Work
Juvenile Court Caseworker
Lobbyist
Hospital Social Worker
Mental Health Case Manager
Nursing Home Social Worker
Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer
Prison Social Worker
Probation/Parole Officer
Public Health Social Worker
School Social Worker
Social Researcher

Leadership/Management Skills

- Possesses an understanding of human behavior and community services
- Interacts with people of different backgrounds
- Responds efficiently in stressful situations
- Possesses assessment, planning, and intervention skills
- Manages conflicts
- Interprets verbal and nonverbal behavior
- Listens to and understands others
- Discusses sensitive issues in a non-threatening manner
- Mediates between conflicting parties

Communication/Writing Skills

- Interviews clients
- Writes service plans, social histories, assessments, and reports
- Teaches others

Research/Analytical Skills

- Plans programs
- Interprets and organizes findings from research studies and professional literature
- Creates innovative solutions to people's needs
- Interprets complex psychosocial phenomena
- Leads group activities
- Analyzes social policies
- Evaluates social work practice/programs

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

A Guide to Careers in Community Development
Becoming a Mediator
Careers in Counseling and Human Services
Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Services
Careers in Social Work
Days in the Lives of Social Workers
Social Work Career Development

Online Career Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos060.htm (Social Work)
www.stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos067.htm (Counselors)
www.stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos059.htm (Social Services)

Internship Electronic Resources

After College
www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders
www.idealists.org

Local Internships
www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic

Resources Opportunity Knocks
www.opportunitynocs.org

Social Service Job Site
www.socialservice.com

Spotlight on Careers
www.spotlightoncareers.org

The New Social Worker
www.socialworker.com

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy
www.aamft.org

American Counseling Association
www.counseling.org

American Mental Health Counselors Association
www.amhca.org

Clinical Social Work Federation
www.cswf.org

Institute of Geriatric Social Work
www.bu.edu/igsw

National Association of Black Social Workers
www.nabsw.org

National Association of Social Workers
www.naswdc.org

National Board of Certified Counselors
www.nbcc.org

National Institute of Mental Health
www.nimh.nih.gov

North American Association of Christians in Social Work
www.nacsw.org

School Social Work Association of America
www.sswaa.org

Society for Social Work and Research
www.sswr.org

Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care
www.sswlhc.org

Hope Graduates in the Social Work World

Addiction Counselor	Arizona Department of Corrections
Art Therapist/Social Worker	Bosque Mental Health Associates
Associate Professor of Social Work	Pacific Lutheran University
Bilingual Case Coordinator	Evergreen Commons
Case Manager, Child Protective Services	Gila River Indian Community
Clinical Services Administrator	Mississippi State Hospital
Counselor	The Navigators
Detective	Chicago Police Department
Director of Abstinence Education	Lakeshore Pregnancy Center
Disability Examiner	State of Michigan—Family Independence Agency
Domestic Violence Transitional House Coordinator	SIREN/Eaton Shelter
Executive Director	Soundings: A Center for Women
Family Advocate & Life Skills Specialist	Bethany Christian Services
Foster Care Worker	State of Michigan
Grief Counselor	Hospice at Charlotte
Home Manager	Heritage Homes, Inc.
International Adoption Consultant	Adoption Associates, Inc.
Labor Representative	Visteon
Marriage Counselor	Clancy Street Ministries
Oncology/Social Worker/Counselor	Johns Hopkins University
Peace and Justice Programs	Catholic Relief Services
Pediatric Social Worker	Duke University Medical Center
Probation Officer	Ottawa County
Psychologist	Mayo Clinic
Psychotherapist	Grove Center for Counseling
Residential Care	Pine Rest Christian Hospital
School Social Worker	Farmington Schools
Senior Caseworker	Erie County Department of Social Services
Social Worker	City of Edinburgh, Scotland
Social Worker	San Francisco County
Spiritual Growth Staff	Mercy Commons
State Coordinator	New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Service
Women’s Advocate	YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter
Youth Counselor	Indiana Development Training Center