

# SOCIAL WORK

## What can I do with this degree?

AREAS	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTIONS/STRATEGIES
<b><u>PUBLIC WELFARE</u></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration and Planning</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Program Evaluation</li> <li>Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public welfare agencies</li> <li>Private social service agencies</li> </ul>	<p>Public welfare is designed to provide services and support for poor, disabled, ill, elderly or juvenile clients. Policy Setting. Volunteer at homeless shelters, soup kitchen, Battered women homes, literacy programs, or other social service agencies to get experience.</p>
<b><u>CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS</u></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counseling/Therapy</li> <li>Rehabilitation</li> <li>Probation</li> <li>Parole</li> <li>Youth Services</li> <li>Victim Assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prisons and correctional facilities</li> <li>Courts</li> <li>Police departments</li> <li>Probation offices</li> <li>Victim services organizations</li> </ul>	<p>Social workers in corrections focus on the rehabilitation of clients. Obtain experience by volunteering at a corrections facility or victims program such as a rape crisis center.</p>
<b><u>SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK</u></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical Social Work</li> <li>Pupil Personnel Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary and secondary schools</li> <li>School districts</li> <li>Head start centers</li> <li>Early intervention programs</li> </ul>	<p>School systems may employ social workers to help students cope with/resolve emotional, difficulties. Gain experience with children at daycare centers, camps, or Scouts.</p>
<b><u>CHILD WELFARE</u></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Advocacy</li> <li>Intervention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public/private child welfare agencies</li> <li>Adoption agencies</li> <li>Foster care organizations</li> <li>Child daycare</li> </ul>	<p>Child welfare social workers strive to ensure the safety and well-being of children through treatment of the whole family. Volunteer at daycares, child shelters, camps, YMCA, Scouts, or other agencies that aid youth.</p>
<b><u>GERONTOLOGY</u></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocacy/Intervention</li> <li>Counseling</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Programming</li> <li>Public Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitals</li> <li>Nursing homes</li> <li>Senior centers</li> </ul>	<p>Gerontology involves working with older adults, healthy or ill, and their families. Get involved with programs/organizations designed for senior citizens.</p>

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<b><u>CLINICAL</u></b> Counseling Therapy	Community mental health centers Psychiatric hospitals Residential and day treatment hospitals Employment assistance programs Schools Family service agencies Private practice	Clinical social workers are found in a variety of setting that provide therapeutic counseling to clients. MSW is required.
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b> Management Policy Development Planning	Family service agencies Child welfare departments Social service agencies State mental health departments Employee assistance programs Probation departments Public welfare agencies Public interest groups Local, state and federal government	Administrators are involved with planning, budgeting, public relations, operations management, fund raising and other crucial responsibilities that keep an organization functioning. Obtain an MSW and gain management experience.
<b><u>RESEARCH AND EDUCATION</u></b> Research Teaching	Colleges and universities Research institutes Local, state and federal government Advocacy organizations Colleges and universities	Research provides data and statistics important in program implementation and policy development. DSW or Ph.D is usually required.
<b><u>OCCUPATIONAL</u></b> Counseling Educating Wellness Promotion Employee Assistance Organizational Development Human Resources	Businesses Corporations Employee assistance programs Labor unions	Occupational social workers help employees to be more productive and satisfied at work.
<b><u>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</u></b> Case Management Program Planning and Evaluation Research Policy Development	Community residential homes State and local agencies. Medical facilities Schools	Social workers in this area help people with disabilities to adjust and to lead productive lives. Volunteer at special needs camps, daycares, schools or hospitals to gain experience.

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<b><u>HEALTH CARE</u></b>		
<p>Case Management Counseling Program Development Administration Research</p>	<p>Hospitals Community health centers Outpatient clinics Public health programs Health maintenance organizations (HMOs) Nursing homes Group homes Hospice Veterans Administration hospitals</p>	<p>Social workers in health care facilitate medical and emotional treatment of patients. Choose volunteer settings such as hospitals, the American Red Cross, or AIDS agencies to get experience.</p>
<b><u>COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION</u></b>		
<p>Program and Community Development Advocacy Politics Education Planning</p>	<p>Advocacy organizations Development corporations Community Centers Local, state, federal government Associations agencies.</p>	<p>Social workers in this area work with existing organizations to improve conditions for specific groups, enhance quality of living, and involve community members in the political process. Get involved with grassroots causes and community agencies.</p>
<b><u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u></b>		
<p>Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) prepares individuals for entry-level direct practice. Master of Social Work (MSW) is necessary to provide therapy and for advancement to supervisory/administrative positions. Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) or Ph.D. usually required for positions in teaching research, and administration. Desirable for clinical positions and private practice. Must complete a degree from a college or university program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Programs include Practical field experience. Most states require licensure, certification or registration.</p>	<p>The field practicum is used to determine suitability for this profession and to Provide exposure to various practice settings/clients. Candidates should possess empathy for others, an appreciation for diversity and And an interest in social change. Social workers serve a range of client systems (individuals, families, groups, communities) as they attempt to enhance social functioning. Social work is unique given its dual focus on the person and the environment.</p>	<p>Note: A large amount of this information was adapted from Choices: Careers in Social Work by the National Association of Social Workers.</p>