SOCIAL WORK

WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

Social workers help people solve and cope with complex problems in their everyday lives. Social workers assist people from all walks of life with various concerns in different settings. Social work is a remarkably flexible degree. Social workers can be found in many vocational settings, including child welfare, healthcare, mental health, criminal justice, schools, addictions, geriatric services, disability services, community development, political advocacy, business and industry, international and refugee services, and various nonprofit and governmental humanitarian organizations.

RELATED CAREER TITLES

Adoption Caseworker	Crisis Intervention	Geriatric Caseworker	Mental Health Case Manager
Adult Protective Services	Deputy Director	Grassroots Organizer	Mental/Clinical Social Worker
Agency Director	Developmental Disabilities	Group Home Director	Nursing Home Social Worker
Aging/Gerontology Specialist	Domestic Violence Social Worker	Health Care Specialist	Policy & Planning Specialist
Caseworker	Drug Rehabilitation Counselor	Hospice Coordinator	Prison Social Worker
Children's Services Worker	Eligibility Specialist	Hospital Social Worker	Probation/Parole Officer
Community Organization Director	Employee Assistance	Human Services Worker	Program Manager
Community Relations	Employment/Occupational Social Worker	Intake Counselor	Public Health Social Worker
Congressional Aide	Executive Director	International Social Worker	Research Analyst
Consultant	Family Services Social Worker	Juvenile Court Caseworker	School Social Worker
Consumer Advocate	Food Stamp Administrator	Lobbyist	Social Researcher
Criminal Justice/Corrections Specialist	Foster Care Caseworker	Manager/Administrator	Substance Abuse Counselor

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Applying non-intrusive methods	Identifying value systems	Recognizing cultural differences/similarities
Conducting field studies	Interviewing	Recruiting/coordinating research subjects
Developing project designs	Maintaining records	Systems thinking
Developing relationships	Observing human interactions	Team building
Evaluating	Planning long-term projects	Understanding group dynamics
Gathering and organizing data	Reaching new conclusions through comparative study	Writing grant proposals

Attainment and demonstration of NACE Career Readiness Competencies help prepare for a successful transition into the workplace.

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RELATED CAREER EXPLORATION LINKS

National Association of Social Workers: www.socialworkers.org/
Council on Social Work Education: www.cswe.org/
Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/
FHSU Career Development Office: www.fhsu.edu/career/

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