

## What Can I Do With a Major In...

### Major: Social Work

<http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/>

#### **What is Social Work?**

<http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/about/what-social-work>

Helping people overcome some of the challenges associated with abuse, poverty, homelessness, addiction, aging, disability, illness, and discrimination is the heart of social work. Social workers are skilled in ethics, human development and behavior, in ways of helping others, and in the nature and impact of a particular social problem like child abuse or homelessness. They work in a number of different settings including:

- Child welfare and family service agencies
- Hospitals or hospice
- Community mental health or substance abuse treatment centers
- Retirement centers, skilled nursing centers, or other places that serve the needs of the elderly and their families
- Prisons and the justice system
- Schools and community programs

#### **Potential Careers in Social Work**

<http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/about/potential-careers>

Social work is a great career choice if you are interested in helping and advocating for others. Some positions in social work require a master's degree. There are four broad categories of social workers:

- **Medical and public health** - Help patients understand their diagnosis and help make plans for their needs after discharge from the hospital or a care center. Some specialize in providing assistance to the elderly or people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- **Mental health and substance abuse** - Assess and treat people suffering from mental illness or addictions and arrange for on-going support services.
- **Child and family** - Help families find and coordinate services or apply for benefits like food stamps or housing. Protect abused and vulnerable children. They work to help keep families together and safe for children. Locate foster homes or arrange adoptions.
- **School** - Help students achieve their academic and personal potential by acting as a link between them, their parents/guardians, and school officials. They work with students who are struggling with issues like truancy, teen pregnancy, behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, or some type of disability.

**Related Career Titles (with OnetOnline links)**

**Entry-Level (Bachelor's Degree):**

Adoption Specialist	Intake Counselor
Agency Director	International Social Worker
Aging/Gerontology Case Manager	Juvenile Probation Officer
Case Worker	<u><a href="#">Life, Physical, Social Science Technician</a></u>
Child Welfare/Children's Services	Manager/Administrator
Community Organization Director	<u><a href="#">Parole Officer</a></u>
Community Social Worker	<u><a href="#">Patient Representative</a></u>
Consultant	Policy & Planning Specialist
<u><a href="#">Corrections Officer</a></u>	Policy Advocate
Demographer	Policy Analyst
Deputy Director	Program Manager
Developmental Disabilities	<u><a href="#">Recreation Worker</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Eligibility Specialist</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Research Associate</a></u>
Food Stamp Administrator	<u><a href="#">Social and Community Service Specialist</a></u>
Fundraiser	<u><a href="#">Social and Human Service Assistant</a></u>
Grant Writer	<u><a href="#">Social Science Research Assistant</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Health Educator</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Social Worker</a></u>
Healthcare Specialist	Victim Crisis Manager

**Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience:**

Agency Director	Occupational Social Worker
Child Life Specialist	Public Health Social Worker
Geriatric Social Worker	<u><a href="#">Rehabilitation Counselor</a></u>
Gerontologist	<u><a href="#">School Psychologist</a></u>
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	<u><a href="#">School Social Worker</a></u>
Marriage and Family Therapist	<u><a href="#">Social and Community Service Manager</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Mental Health/Substance Abuse Social Worker</a></u>	Supervisor

**Related Work Sites**

Adoption Agencies	Counseling Agencies
Advocacy Organizations	Courts
American Red Cross	Daycares
AmeriCorps	Department of Children's Services
Assisted/Independent Living Centers	Department of Education
Behavioral Health Systems	Department of Health and Human Services
Child Welfare Agencies	Department of Labor
Colleges and Universities	Development Corporations
Community Centers	Disaster/Disease Relief



Program development and evaluation  
Providing instruction  
Rapport building  
Research strategies  
Respecting for diversity  
Social Perceptiveness  
Stress Management

Supervision  
Surveying and sampling  
Time management  
Understanding group dynamics  
Utilizing statistical applications  
Willingness to adapt  
Written and verbal communication skill

### ***Exploring Careers in Social Work***

American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work: <https://abecsw.org/clinical-social-work/>  
National Association of Social Workers: <http://www.naswdc.org/pubs/choices/default.asp>  
Social Work Career Center: <http://careers.socialworkers.org/explore/default.asp>  
Social Work Careers Magazine: <http://www.socialworker.com/feature-articles/career-jobs>  
Social Work Exam Prep: <http://www.socialworkexam.com/>  
Social Work Job Bank: <http://www.socialworkjobbank.com/site/career-centerarticles.html>  
Social Work p.r.n.: <http://socialworkprn.com/social-workers>

### ***Professional Associations***

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: <http://www.aamft.org/iMIS15/AAMFT/>  
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work: <https://www.aapcsw.org/>  
American Counseling Association: <http://www.counseling.org/>  
American Public Human Services Association:  
<http://www.aphsa.org/content/APHSA/en/home.html>  
Association for Community Organization and Social Administration:  
<http://www.acosa.org/joomla/>  
Association of Social Work Boards: <http://www.aswb.org/>  
Child Welfare League of America: <http://www.cwla.org/>  
Clinical Social Work Association: <http://www.clinicalsocialworkassociation.org/>  
Council on Social Work Education: <http://www.cswe.org/>  
International Federation of Social Workers: <http://ifsw.org/>  
National Association of Social Workers: <http://www.naswdc.org/>  
National Organization of Forensic Social Work: <http://nofsw.org/>  
School Social Work Association of America: <http://www.sswaa.org/>  
Social Work Action Network: <http://www.socialworkfuture.org/>  
Society of Social Work Leadership in Health Care: <http://www.sswlhc.org/>  
Society for Social Work and Research: <http://secure.sswr.org/>

### ***Student Organizations***

Persevere UNTil Success Happens (PUSH): <https://www.facebook.com/untpush>  
Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work: <http://www.phialpha.org/>  
Social Work Student Association (SWSA):  
<http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/students/student-organizations>

UNT Student Organizations: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-organizations>

### ***Job Search Links***

Allied Health Careers: [http://jobs.alliedhealthcareers.com/c/search\\_results.cfm](http://jobs.alliedhealthcareers.com/c/search_results.cfm)  
Chronicle of Philanthropy: <https://www.philanthropy.com/jobs?cid=UCOPNAVTOP>  
Center for Nonprofit Management: <http://cnmconnect.org/>  
Common Good Careers: <http://commongoodcareers.org/>  
Community Career Center: <https://nonprofitjobs.org/>  
Corporation for National and Community Service:  
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/careers>  
Deep Sweep: <http://deepsweep.com/>  
Eagle Careers: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers>  
Exec Searches: <https://execsearches.com/>  
Human Services Career Network: <http://www.hscareers.com/>  
Idealist: <http://www.idealists.org/>  
iHireSocialServices: <http://www.ihiresocialservices.com/>  
Nation Job: <http://www.nationjob.com/Job-Seeker-Network/>  
Nonprofit Career Network: <http://www.nonprofitcareer.com/resource/searchdb/searchdb.cfm>  
Nonprofit Career Match: <http://careercenter.nptimes.com/jobs/>  
Nonprofit Job Market: <http://www.nonprofitjobmarket.org/>  
Nonprofit Job Source: <http://www.nonprofitjobsource.com/>  
Nonprofit Jobs: <http://www.nonprofit-jobs.org/>  
Nonprofit Opportunities: <http://www.npo.net/>  
On Philanthropy: <http://www.dotorgjobs.com/>  
Organizers for America: <http://organizersforamerica.org/page.php?id=89>  
Public Service Careers: <http://publicservicecareers.org/find-a-job/>  
Social Service Job Site: <http://www.socialservice.com/search.cfm>  
SocialWork.com: <http://www.socialwork.com/>  
Social Work Career Center: <http://joblink.socialworkers.org/jobseekers/>  
Social Work Job Bank: <http://www.socialworkjobbank.com/site/job-seekers.html>  
Social Work Job Search: <http://www.socialworkjobsearch.com/socialworkjobsearch.cgi>  
Social Work p.r.n.: <http://socialworkprn.com/resources/job-opportunities>  
United Way: <https://careers.unitedway.org/jobs>  
Work4aGoodCause: <http://work4agoodcause.com/>  
Work for Good: <https://www.workforgood.org/>

### ***Internship Search Links***

America's Job Exchange: <http://www.americasjobexchange.com/>  
Career Rookie: <http://www.careerrookie.com/>  
Carter Center: <http://www.cartercenter.org/involved/internship/index.html>  
College Grad: <https://collegegrad.com/>  
Eagle Careers: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers>  
Indeed: <http://www.indeed.com/>

InternJobs: <http://internjobs.com/>  
Internships: <http://www.internships.com/>  
Jobing: <http://www.jobing.com/>  
Jobs Flag: <http://www.jobsflag.com/>  
Jobs Radar: <http://www.jobsradar.com/>  
Link Up: <http://www.linkup.com/>  
LinkedIn: [https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/?trk=hb\\_ft\\_jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/?trk=hb_ft_jobs)  
Zip Recruiter: <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>

### ***Find a Mentor***

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/>

### ***Additional Resources***

Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator:  
<http://www.bankrate.com/calculators/savings/moving-cost-of-living-calculator.aspx>  
CareerHMO: <http://careerhmo.com/>  
CareerOneStop: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>  
CareeRealism: <http://www.careerealism.com/>  
CollegeGrad: <http://www.collegegrad.com/jobs>  
GlassDoor: <http://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm>  
Going Global: <http://online.goinglobal.com/default.aspx>  
LinkedIn: <http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html>  
mySkills myFuture: <http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>  
Salary Calculator Center: [www.jobsearchintelligence.com/salary-calculator-intro/-etc](http://www.jobsearchintelligence.com/salary-calculator-intro/-etc)  
Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>  
O\*NET OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/>  
PayScale Salary Survey: <http://www.payscale.com/wizards/choose.aspx>  
Spertling's Compare Cost of Living: <http://www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living/>

**Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Development Specialist! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.**

*\*Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:*

Central Washington University: <http://www.cwu.edu/career/>  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: <http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/>  
Texas State University: <http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/>  
University of North Carolina Wilmington: <http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html>  
University of North Texas: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center>  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville: <http://career.utk.edu/>  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: <http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm>

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