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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL WORK MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

- Interpersonal Communication
- Leadership Skills
- Extroverted
- Concern for others
- Critical Thinking
- Emotional Maturity
- Insight
- Conflict Resolution
- Objectivity
- Ability to Handle Stressful Situations
- Ethics
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Listening Skills
- Ability to Promote Healthy Relationships
- Imaginative
- Positivity
- Motivational
- Persuasion
- Ability to Interview

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Adoption Services Worker
- Administration and Planning
- Administration Research
- Advocacy
- Agency Director
- Case Management
- Child Protection Worker
- Clinical Social Work
- Drug Rehabilitation Counselor
- Family Services Worker
- Geriatric Assessment Coordinator
- Hospice Coordinator
- Human Resources Worker
- Human Services Worker
- Intake Specialist
- Intervention Specialist
- Juvenile Court Caseworker
- Lobbyist
- Nursing Home Social Worker
- Organizational Development
- Outreach Coordinator
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Planning Organizer
- Policy Analyst
- Program Evaluator
- Psychiatric Social Worker
- Public Policy
- Research Analyst
- Rehabilitation Therapist
- School Service Director
- Social Worker
- Victim Assistance
- Youth Services

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Public Welfare Agencies
- Private Social Service Agencies
- Prisons and Correctional Facilities
- Courts
- School Districts
- Head Start Centers
- Early Intervention Programs
- Child Daycare
- Hospitals
- Police Departments
- Victim Service Organizations
- Senior Centers
- Labor Unions
- Community Residential Homes
- Probation Departments
- Research Institutes
- Group Homes
- Adoption Agencies
- Businesses
- Labor Unions
- Outpatient Clinics
- Public Health Programs

TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN SOCIAL WORK

Social Workers	37.4%
Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators	9.4%
Other administrative (record clerks)	5.0%
Other management-related occupations	4.3%
Insurance, securities, real estate, business services	4.2%
Other service occupations, except health	3.9%
Educational and Vocational Counselors	2.7%
Personnel, training and labor relations specialists	2.4%
Other health occupations	2.4%
Secretaries, receptionists, typist	2.3%

ACTIVITIES ON THE JOB

- More than 1/2 of social workers spend a major amount of their time providing human services through social services agencies
 - About 10% spend most of their time engaging in administrative duties.
 - About 8% spend most of their typical work week in teaching activities.
 - About 7% spend most of their work week in sales, marketing, and purchasing.
 - About 7% spend most of their time performing employee relations activities.
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POST GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

- About 36% of all social work graduates with a bachelor's degree proceed to earn a post graduate degree.
 - About 60% of master's degrees earned by social work undergraduates are earned in social work.
 - About 11% of master's degrees earned by social work undergraduates are earned in education.
 - About 8% of master's degrees earned by social work undergraduates are earned in psychology.
 - Only 1% of social work bachelor's degrees recipients go on to earn a doctorate. 35% of those doctorates are in psychology, 28% are in education and 26% are in social work.
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RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (CLC 530)

- *What to DO with your Psychology or Sociology Degree*
- *Careers in Social Work*
- *Social Work Career Development: A Handbook for Job Hunting and Career Planning*
- *Opportunities in the Social Sciences*
- *101 Careers in Social Work*
- *Opportunities in Social Work Careers*
- *In the Field: A Real-Life Survival Guide for the Social Work Internship*