

What can I do with a major in “Social Work”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Social Work

Social work as a profession has evolved because of societal concern about persistent and emerging human dilemmas, social injustices and inequities that affect normal social functioning. It encompasses a broadening range of activities from assisting individuals to affecting social policies. The profession's unifying element is its commitment to human well-being. The Bachelor of Social Work prepares the student for entry-level professional social work practice. The aim of the BSW program is excellence in the general practice of social work. Generalist practice is based on an understanding of the ecological perspective, is driven by commitment to social justice, and is grounded in scientific research. The Master of Social Work offers a graduate degree to prepare students for competent and responsible advanced practice. The MSW degree meets all educational requirements leading to licensing by the State of Georgia as a licensed Social Worker.

Research Careers

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (Click on Find Occupations)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (Accessible only on campus computers)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (Type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp (Click on Occupational Title Search)

*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for more information or assistance.

Possible Job Titles of Social Work Graduates

Activities Director	DFCS Social Service Specialist	Record Coordinator
Advisor	Director, Children's Services	Residential Manager
Behavior Specialist	Forensic Social Worker	School Social Worker
Case Manager	Fundraising Chair	Social Service Technician
Child and Family Therapist	Juvenile Probation Officer	Social Services Case Manager
Community Development Specialist	Medical Social Worker	Social Services Provider
Community Educator	Non-Residential Director	Social Services Specialist
Counselor	Oncology Social Worker	Social Worker
Curriculum & Consulting Specialist	Outreach Coordinator	Staff Representative
	Primary Counselor	Substance Abuse Counselor
	Project Coordinator	

Possible Employers of Social Work Graduates

ACC Dept of Human and Economic Development	Athens Community Council on Aging	Families First
Behavioral Solutions	Cobb Douglas Community Services Board	Georgia Community Support and Solutions
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems	Cornerstones Counseling	Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS)
Big Brothers & Sisters of Atlanta	DeKalb Community Service Board	Georgia Mountain Community Services
Alcove Youth Shelter	Department of Health	Hope For Children
Caring for Children	Department of Juvenile Justice	Hospice Atlanta
Athens Area Homeless Shelter	Egleston Children's Hospital	Pathways
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Emory University Hospital	Positive Impact

Career Center Library Resources

Careers in Focus – Social Work by Ferguson
Careers in Social Work by Leon H. Ginsberg
Days in the Lives of Social Workers by Linda Grobman
Opportunities in Social Work Careers by Renee Wittenberg
The Social Work Graduate Application Handbook by Jesus Reyes

Campus Resources

UGA College of Public Health - <http://www.publichealth.uga.edu/>
UGA Libraries, Athens-Clarke County Guide, Human Services -
<http://www.libs.uga.edu/athens/humanservices.html>
UGA Office of Service-Learning - <http://www.servicelearning.uga.edu/blog/>
UGA Center for Leadership & Service - <http://cls.uga.edu/>

Employment Websites

Human Services Career Network - <http://www.hscareers.com/>
Social Work Job Bank - <http://www.socialworkjobbank.com/site/>
USAJOBS - <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
Careers.Ga.Gov - <https://www.careers.ga.gov/>
Idealist - <http://www.idealists.org>
Opportunity Knocks - <http://www.opportunityknocks.org/>

Additional Resources

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - <http://www.socialworkers.org/>
Council on Social Work Education - <http://www.cswe.org/>
Georgia Chapter of NASW - <http://www.naswga.org/>
Community Connection of Northeast Georgia - <http://www.communityconnection211.com/>
United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta - <http://unitedwayatlanta.org/>
LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com>