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

Possible Employers of Social Work Graduates

ACC Dept of Human and Economic Development
Behavioral Solutions
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems
Big Brothers & Sisters of Atlanta
Alcove Youth Shelter
Caring for Children
Athens Area Homeless Shelter
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
Athens Community Council on Aging
Cobb Douglas Community Services Board
Cornerstones Counseling
DeKalb Community Service Board
Department of Health
Department of Juvenile Justice
Egleston Children’s Hospital
Emory University Hospital
Families First
Georgia Community Support and Solutions
Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS)
Georgia Mountain Community Services
Hope For Children
Hospice Atlanta
Pathways
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 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/
USAJOBS - http://www.usajobs.gov/
Idealist - http://www.idealist.org
Opportunity Knocks - http://www.opportunityknocks.org/

Additional Resources

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - http://www.socialworkers.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