

# Social Work

The Social Work major prepares students to advocate for and provide support to individuals and communities facing personal, social, and economic challenges. Students learn about human behavior, social welfare policies, counseling techniques, and case management, equipping them to work in diverse environments. Graduates typically pursue careers in healthcare, mental health, child welfare, and community organizations, where they help clients navigate life challenges, access resources, and improve their well-being. Typical industry sectors include social services, government agencies, healthcare, non-profit organizations, and education.

## Job Title Examples:

- Social Worker Assistant
- Case Manager
- Family Support Specialist
- Youth Counselor
- Child Welfare Worker
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Mental Health Technician
- Crisis Intervention Specialist
- Program Coordinator
- Substance Abuse Counselor

## Hard and Soft Skills Needed:

### Hard Skills:

1. Case Management
2. Knowledge of Social Welfare Policies
3. Crisis Intervention
4. Report Writing
5. Resource Coordination

### Soft Skills:

1. Empathy
2. Communication
3. Active Listening
4. Problem-Solving
5. Time Management

**Further Education/Training Required and/or Suggested:**

A BS in Social Work qualifies students for entry-level roles, but additional training or certifications can enhance career prospects:

To Enter the Field:

1. Licensed Social Worker (LSW):
  - Required for clinical practice in many states.

To Advance:

1. Master's Degree (MSW):
  - Required for clinical social work and advanced roles.
2. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW):
  - For advanced clinical positions and therapy.

Summary:

A BS in social work allows entry into some roles, but an MSW and licensure (LSW, LCSW) are needed for clinical practice and career advancement.

**Professional or Student Associations:**

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA)
- Delta Mu, Phi Alpha Honor Society
- Graduate Student Social Work Association
- Social Worker Student Union
- CHHS Student Ambassador Program