

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY **SOCIAL WORK** DEGREE?



Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

MENTAL HEALTH / CLINICAL

Community Mental Health Centers, Psychiatric Hospitals, Government Agencies, Rehabilitation Centers, Residential Treatment Centers, Clinics, Non-Profits, Shelters

- Residential Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Psychological Technician
- Intake Counselor/Specialist
- Developmental Disability Counselor
- Outreach Case Manager
- Social Worker
- Caseworker
- Mental Health Counselor
- Psychiatric Aide
- Community Outreach Worker
- Group Home Worker
- Social Skills Trainer
- Program Coordinator
- Residential Counselor
- Social Service Admin.
- Case Manager
- Crisis Counselor
- Disabilities Specialist
- Therapy Aide

CHILD WELFARE

Day Care Centers, Government, Youth Residential Facilities, Non-Profits

- Foster Care Case Worker
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Child Support Case Officer
- After School Program Coordinator
- Case Worker - Big Brother/Sisters
- Pregnancy Prevention Counselor
- Child Care Worker
- Head Start Coordinator
- Recreation Specialist
- Youth Corrections Officer
- Abuse Prevention/Educator
- Day Care Supervisor
- Research Assistant
- Adoption Case Worker
- Teen Center Director
- Youth Counselor
- Camp Director

PUBLIC WELFARE

Government, Private Social Service Agencies

- Housing Coordinator
- Community Support Worker
- Intake Counselor
- Case Manager/Caseworker
- Eligibility Specialist
- Program Coordinator

CORRECTIONS / JUSTICE SYSTEM

Police Dept., Correctional Facilities, Courts, Non-Profits, Government

- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Sexual Assault Prevention Educator
- Domestic Violence Prevention Spec.
- Home Detention Case Worker
- Corrections Case Worker
- Dom. Violence Shelter Counselor
- Rape Crisis Counselor
- Immigration Officer

OCCUPATIONAL / VOCATIONAL

Businesses, Non-Profits, Employee Assistance Programs, Government

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Job Developer
- Employee Relations Specialist
- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Benefits/EAP Coordinator
- Interviewer
- Job Classification Specialist
- Credit Counselor
- Recruitment Coordinator
- Training Specialist
- Staffing Specialist
- Job Coach
- Placement Counselor
- Job Coordinator

AGING

Hospitals, Senior Centers, Adult Day Care Centers, Long-Term Care Facilities

- Recreation Specialist
- Program Coordinator
- Hospice Coordinator
- Case Manager
- Adult Day Care Coordinator
- Recreation Worker
- Social Worker
- Medical Social Worker

GOVERNMENT

Local, State and Federal Agencies

- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract/Grants Administrator
- Quality Assurance Specialist
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Researcher/Statistician
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Survey Analyst
- Program Evaluator
- Labor Analyst

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Clinics, Treatment Centers, Mental Health Centers, Government

- Case Worker
- Chemical Dependency Counselor
- Drug/Alcohol Counselor
- Addictions Counselor
- Case Manager
- Prevention Educator

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals, Clinics, Managed Care, Special Issue Organizations

- Medical Social Worker
- Case Manager
- Provider Relations Specialist
- Insurance Customer Service Rep.
- EAP Administrator
- Public Health Educator
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Community Health Educator
- Caseworker
- Crisis Counselor
- Patient Advocate
- Program Coordinator

EDUCATION

Schools, Community/Gov't Programs, Community Centers, Camps, Churches

- Teacher
- Counselor
- Parent Educator

POLICY / ADVOCACY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Correspondent
- Policy Analyst
- Program Coordinator
- Program Developer
- Political Organizer
- Program Evaluator
- Community Relations Officer
- Lobbyist Assistant
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Special Events Planner
- Grant Writer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Legislative Advocate
- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Assistant
- Research Associate

Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in Social Work.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Social Work course work with classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:

- **Major Sheets (SOWK, PSYC, ANTH, SOCY, EDUC):** <http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/>

- **Links by Major:** <http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php>

- **The Vault:** <http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/>

- Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password

- Select "Guides" to view relevant guides such as:

"Vault Guide to Social Services Jobs"

"Vault Guide to Education Jobs"

"Vault Career Guide to Consulting"

"Vault Guide to Nonprofit Jobs"

- **Professional Organizations:**

National Association of Social Workers: www.naswdc.org

American Counseling Association: <https://www.counseling.org/>