WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN...

SOCIAL WORK?

WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?
The profession of Social Work seeks to improve the quality of life for individuals and to effect system-wide change through the pursuit of social justice. Students pursuing a degree in Social Work are passionate about helping people, especially the most vulnerable, overcome some of life’s most difficult challenges.

POSSIBLE INDUSTRIES
Social Work majors go on to work in a variety of industries, including:
- Social Services
- School Social Work
- Criminal Justice/Corrections
- Public Welfare
- Healthcare/Clinical
- Administration
- Community Organization

COMMON JOB TYPES
- **Child, Family, & School Social Worker** - Provide social services and assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and to maximize the family well-being and the academic functioning of children.
- **Healthcare Social Worker** - Provide individuals, families, and groups with the psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute, or terminal illnesses. Services include advising family caregivers, providing patient counseling, and making referrals for other services.
- **Mental Health Counselor** - Counsel with emphasis on prevention. Work with individuals and groups to promote optimum mental and emotional health.
- **Rehabilitation Counselors** - Counsel individuals to maximize the independence and employability of persons coping with personal, social, and vocational difficulties; assess client needs; and design and implement rehabilitation programs.
- **Social & Community Service Manager** - Plan, direct, or coordinate the activities of a social service program or community outreach organization. Work may involve directing social workers, counselors, or probation officers.
- **Social & Human Service Assistant** - Assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services.

For more information on these job types, visit mynextmove.org or mymajors.com
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### ALUMNI JOB TITLES

Every year, Career Services surveys recent alumni to learn what they are doing post-graduation. The full results of the Destination Survey can be found on the Career Services Network website. The following are selected job titles of recent Social Work alumni:

- Addiction Counselor
- Case Manager
- Child Welfare Specialist
- Crisis Intervention Advocate
- Family Support Worker
- Foster Care Specialist
- Home Consultant
- Intake Specialist
- Police Service Aide
- Teacher’s Aide
- Treatment Specialist
- Youth Advocate

### GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The following is a list of selected graduate school program names that recent Social Work alumni have enrolled in according to results of the Destination Survey:

**Master's**
- Community Organization & Advocacy
- Educational Psychology

**Professional**
- Law
- Occupational Therapy
- Social Work

### ADDITIONAL CAREER RESOURCES

- USAJobs
- State of Michigan Jobs
- Social Work Job Bank
- National Assoc. of Social Workers
- MyABAJobs
- Michigan Nonprofit Jobs & Internships
- Idealist
- Americorps
- Teach for America
- Assoc. of Child Life Professionals
- iHire Social Services

[College of Social Science, Michigan State University](https://socialscience.msu.edu/careers)