What You Can Do With a Major in… Social Work

Description
The primary goal of the Department of Social Work is to provide students with a comprehensive educational experience, which will prepare them to function as competent, principled generalist social workers. Students will graduate with a better understanding of their world, a capacity for critical thinking, and a belief in human dignity and potential. For most students, completion of the major will enable immediate entry into the beginning level of professional practice in a variety of settings to work with clients who are experiencing a wide range of problems. Graduates of the program will have an enhanced understanding of their world and a capacity for critical thought. The triad of knowledge, values, and skills forms the base for social work practice. Graduates with the BSSW degree are eligible to apply for Texas State Social Work Licensing and may be eligible for advanced standing in many master’s programs.

Field education is the culmination of the academic experience in undergraduate social work education. This practical experience, under the direction of an agency-based field instructor, allows students to test their skills and learn to serve clients effectively. Educationally directed field learning is an essential ingredient of the Social Work Program at TCU. Students are provided with the opportunity to engage in helping and problem-solving activities with clients in social service agencies. It becomes the arena for applying and testing the social work principles, techniques, and values that have been learned. In addition, it enables the student to develop the self-awareness necessary for professional performance as a social worker.

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Skills
Counseling and advising people  Preparing case reports
Providing social services  Attention to detail
Understanding of diversity  Good judgment
Oral and written communication  Interpersonal skills
Compassion  Problem-solving skills
Computer skills  Analyzing situations
Interviewing  Evaluating
Maintaining records
Career Opportunities

- International Social Worker
- Aging/Gerontology Specialist
- Mental/Clinical Social Worker
- Case Worker
- Social Worker
- Consultant
- School Social Worker
- Research Analyst
- Community Relations Director
- Policy Analyst
- Counselor
- Employment Service Coordinator
- Investigator
- Policy Advocate
- Food Stamp Administrator
- Probation Officer
- Rehabilitation Counselor

Possible Employment Settings

- Adoption Agencies
- Police Departments
- Child Welfare Agencies
- Mental Health Centers
- Family Service Agencies
- Foster Care Organizations
- Senior Centers
- Medical Facilities
- Nursing Homes
- Residential Treatment Facilities
- Prisons/Correctional Facilities
- Relief Organizations
- Public Welfare Agencies
- Schools/School Districts
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Court System

Career Services’ Books

- Careers in Social and Rehabilitative Services
- Careers in Social Work
- Mental Health and Social Work Career Directory
- Opportunities in Counseling and Development
- Opportunities in Mental Health Careers
- Opportunities in Social Work Careers
- Real People Working in the Helping Professions

Internet Sites

- National Association of Social Workers: www.socialworkers.org
- Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers: www.naswtx.org
- The Social Service Job Site: www.socialservice.com
- Association of Social Work Boards: www.aswb.org
- The New Social Worker: www.socialworker.com
- Council on Social Work Education: www.cswe.org