

CAREER RESPONSIBILITIES

Trained in the generalist perspective, graduates subscribe to the common base of the Social Work profession in the areas of knowledge, values, and skills. They understand the need to promote, restore, maintain, and facilitate the functioning of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities by helping them accomplish tasks, prevent and alleviate distress, and use and create resources. They also understand the impact of major societal institutions upon client systems. Students are capable of initiating and participating in social change process with the ultimate goal of eliminating various forms of institutionalized oppression based on race, gender, and socioeconomic class.

Skills Associated with Social Work Majors:

- Sensitivity, empathy, patience
- Good communication skills
- Ability to make sound judgments and decisions
 - Human relations skills
 - Works well under pressure
- Desire to help people and make a difference in making a better life for others
 - Conflict management
- Critical Thinking and the ability to assess people's needs

Sample Career Titles:

Agency Director	Family Services Social Worker	Probation Officer
Aging/Gerontology Specialist	Food Stamp Administrator	Program Manager
Case Worker	Geriatric Care Worker	Psychiatric Social Worker
Child Welfare Worker	Group Home Director	Research Analyst
Church Worker	Health Care Worker	Residential Counselor
Community Organization Director	Historian	School Counselor
Community Service Agency Director	Home Health Aide	School Social Worker
Consultant	Human Services Worker	Services Specialist
Cooperative Extension Worker	Intake Counselor	Social Service Aide
County Farm Agent	International Social Worker	Social Worker
Criminal Justice/ Corrections Specialist	Market Research Analyst	Substance Abuse Counselor
Educator	Marriage Counselor	Supervisor
Eligibility Specialist	Medical Social Worker	Survey Worker
Employee Assistance Administrator	Mental Health Worker	Teacher
Employment Social Worker	Mental /Clinical Social Worker	Technical Writer
	Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer	Therapeutic Staff
	Police Officer	Service Worker (TSS)
	Policy & Planning Specialist	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
	Policy Advocate	
	Policy Analyst	

** Some careers may require additional training and/or education

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