

What can I do with a major in... Social Work?

A major in social work will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker, enter a graduate degree program, or apply your skills and knowledge in other work environments. The following list contains a sample of job titles of CMU graduates who majored in social work. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

Career Titles for a Social Work Major:

- Adoption Specialist
- Child Protective Services Worker
- Community Organizer
- Domestic Violence Shelter Worker
- Elder Abuse Advocate
- Family Life Educator
- Foster Care Specialist
- Gerontological Social Worker
- Group Home Counselor
- HIV/AIDS Educator
- Homeless Shelter Worker
- Juvenile Probation Counselor
- Medical Social Worker
- Mental Health Case Manager
- Rehabilitation Social Worker
- Social Work Researcher
- Social Worker
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Victim Advocate
- Volunteer Coordinator

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in Social Work

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in social work will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in social work may include:

- Active listening
- Advocacy
- Community organization
- Conflict resolution
- Counseling
- Cultural awareness
- Empathy
- Ethical decision making
- Family assessment
- Home visitation
- Needs assessment
- Program development and evaluation
- Policy analysis
- Social justice awareness

For more information about social work and other majors, please contact Career Services.

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