

Social Work

Career Competencies

What are Employers Looking For?

The National Association of Colleges and Employers has identified 8 competencies associated with career readiness. The Social Work degree will teach you all of these skills to prepare you for a career.

Global/Intercultural Fluency

The Social Work major is a certified Global Pathway through which students can earn a Global Citizenship Award that has a special designation on the transcript. Learn about cultural sensitivity!

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving

Learn how to research social welfare problems such as human trafficking, substance abuse, mental health, and poverty. You can be a part of the solution!

Oral/Written Communications

Learn how to write and present in professional ways.

Teamwork/Collaboration

Through multiple class assignments, learn how to work in a team environment. Social work is taught in a cohort model which allows you to move through the program with the same group of students.

Digital Technology

Learn how technology is enabling us to better serve our clients. Examples include tele-health options in health care settings and video-conferencing in prison systems.

Leadership

Build leadership skills by increasing self-awareness and building emotional intelligence. Join the Social Work Society or BRIDGE Clinic to take on leadership positions and help the community!

Professionalism/Work Ethic

Complete a 460 hour field placement in which you are supervised by experienced professional social workers. You get to choose a field placement with one of the School of Social Work's 300 affiliated agencies that aligns with your career interests!

Career Management

Field Coordinators help to develop skills necessary for a successful transition into your career such as resume building, interview skills, and networking opportunities.

Employment Outlook and Salaries

Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 16 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster on average than for all occupations. Increased demand for healthcare and social services will drive demand for social workers.

The salary a social worker earns can vary significantly based on many factors, including geographic area, educational attainment, workplace setting, and practice speciality or focus area.

A BSW not only prepares you to

work as a generalist social worker, but also to continue your education in a Master of Social Work (MSW) program. You may also enter an MSW program with a bachelor's degree in another field of study, but with a BSW you may be able to complete the program more quickly.

The median annual wage for social workers was \$49,470 in May 2018. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$30,750, and the highest 10 percent earn more than \$81,400.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm#tab-5>

<https://www.socialworkguide.org/salaries/>

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