

What can I do with my studies in SOCIAL WORK?

The information in this handout will provide you with ideas as to some typical careers/jobs that are associated with your degree, along with alternative careers that may not be as directly related to what you have studied. This by no means implies that these jobs are the only options you have. These careers are just samples of what you can do if you have the appropriate skills and experience.

I can look for work now with my B.A. in Social Work. Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles include:

Social Worker #4152	Social Advocate #4152	Case Manager #4212	Crisis Intervention Worker #4212
Child Welfare Worker #4212	Group Home worker #4212	Meals-on-Wheels Co-ordinator #4212	Youth Care Worker #4212
Fundraiser #5124	Volunteer Coordinator #4212	Life Skills Coach #4212	Mental Health Worker #4212
Patient Advocate	Veteran's Affairs Field Officer #4212	Community Facilitator #4212	Halfway House Supervisor #4212

I can look for work now outside my area of study. Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles include:

	Community Liaison Officer	Customer Service Trainer	Insurance Agent 6231
<i>Business</i>	Quality Control / Quality Assurance Specialist	Investment Advisor #1112/1114	Consumer/Market Researcher #4163
	Entrepreneur / Venture Capitalist	Actuary #2161	Recruiter #1223
<i>Education</i>	Academic Advisor #4143	Career Advisor	Teacher's Assistant #6472
	Writer #5121 / Author / Columnist	Editor #5122	Reporter #5123 / Correspondent
<i>Communications</i>	Technical Writer #5121	Broadcaster #5231	Communications Specialist
	Journalist #5123		

With additional education/training or experience, I can become:

Professor #4121

Lobbyist #4160, 4161, 4163,
4164

Law & Criminal Justice

Children's Aid Investigator
#4152

Legislative Assistant #1222

Paralegal #4211

Lawyer #4112

Family & Social Services

Volunteer Services Director
#0314

Family Therapist #4153

Family Counsellor #4153

Rehabilitation Counsellor
#4153

Refugee/displaced persons
officer #4164

Special Needs Instructor #4215

Recreation & Events
Coordinator #4167

Veteran Affairs Specialist
#4212

Case Work Consultant #4152

Child Welfare Officer #4152

Substance Abuse Counsellor
#4153

Foster Care Social Worker
#4152

Crisis Intervention Counsellor

Public Health & Program Administration

Psychiatric Social Worker
#4152

Medical Social Worker #4152

Geriatric Social Worker #4152

Occupational Therapist
#3143

Public Administrator #0411

Group Home Manager #0314

Career Guidance Counsellor
#4143

Community Centre Director
#0314

Planner #4164

Community Development
Specialist/Planner #4163,
0412

Nursing Home Manager #0311

Family Planning Counsellor
#4153

Public Health & Social
Services Evaluator #4165

Special Needs Counsellor
#4153

Social Scientific Research & Advising

Social Impact Assessor #4164

Policy Analyst #4164

Researcher #4164

Public Assistance Advisor
#4164

Social Survey Director #0411

Data Analyst #2172

Demographic Analyst #4164

Public Policy Researcher
#4164

Demographer #2161

Health Care Service
Statistician #4165

Women's Organization
Analyst/Adviser

Government Policy Advisor
#4164

Gerontologist #4169

Business

Benefits Officer #1432

Management Consultant
#1122

Human Resources Trainer

Human Resources Specialist
#1121

Public Relations Consultant
#5124

Job Analyst #1121

Human Resource Manager
#0112

Special Events Coordinator
#1226

Corporate Social
Responsibility Officer

For career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks visit the *National Occupational Classification Website* (<http://www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/2001/e/generic/welcome.shtml>), *Job Futures* (www.jobfutures.ca), and *Career Cruising* (www.careercruising.com, username & password available by contacting CAPS)

If you wish to explore your interests, identify your goals, and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to sign up for the P.A.C.E. program (Program for the Advancement of Career Exploration). For more information visit <http://www.caps.mcgill.ca/programs/pace/>

Feel free to come by the CAPS office to make an appointment with a career advisor to discuss your career options and job search strategies.

Employers

Advertising & Marketing	Community Services	Consulting Firms	Correctional & Rehabilitation Centers
Non Profit Organizations	Prisons	Adoption & Child Care Agencies	Charity Services
Counselling Services	Court Systems	Development Organizations	Educational Institutions
Employment Agencies	Environmental Advocacy Groups	Foster Care Services	Governmental Agencies
Halfway Houses	Health Services	Immigration Assistance	Insurance Companies
Newspapers & Magazines	Public Relations Offices	Religious Organizations	Research Centres
Women's Services	Law Offices	Libraries	Medical Centers
International Relief Agencies	UNICEF		

Skills of Social Work Majors

- Interpersonal communication (oral and written)
- Engage in ethical practice
- Problem solving, decision making and team-playing skills
- Concern for and sensitivity to others
- Dealing with parents & guardians
- Insight to deal effectively with people
- Able to promote healthy relationships
- Understanding of group functioning and dynamics
- Aptitude for leadership
- Understanding of learning disabilities, physical disabilities, psycho-social concerns of children, adolescents, adults and in the elderly.
- Ability to plan and carry out long term projects
- Ability to write grant proposals
- Conduct research related to human development and behaviour
- Design and construct surveys/interviews/research
- Interviewing, surveying and sampling
- Conducting field studies
- Identifying value systems
- Utilizing statistical analysis
- Ability to carry out tasks with thoroughness, precision and attention to detail
- Determine the significant aspects of a multi-dimensional problem
- Ability to explain psychological/social work research and possibly psychological tests
- Ability to formulate and defend positions
- Ability to interact with people of different backgrounds in different situations

- Ability to maintain composure in stressful situations
- Capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others
- Ability to make critical observations, evaluations and appropriate decisions
- Quickly understand complex problems and identify solutions
- Ability to read material articulately and analytically
- Think thoroughly and systematically, using methods of conceptual analysis, reasoning, and detailed description
- Advocacy skills
- Assessment & evaluation skills
- Community organization skills to improve physical/ economic/ social environment
- Coordinating community services
- Counselling skills - individuals, couples, families, groups
- Good listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Investigation skills in investigating allegations of abuse, neglect, or violations of rights
- Knowledge of community resources
- Knowledge of the influence of society on individual & family functioning
- Listening, clarifying & responding skills
- Managing personnel, programs and budgets
- Mediation skills involving custody, property or other issues
- Planning social policy and programs
- Provide services in areas of advocacy, community organization, addressing issues regarding “at risk” populations, social policy and social justice
- Skill in applying a complex set of criteria in order to make an evaluation
- Specialized knowledge of client issues & individual differences
- Teaching & training skills
- Thorough & systematic thinking skills, using conceptual analysis, reasoning & detailed description
- Training in developing systematic procedures of investigating a problem
- Work well under pressure
- Computer skills (data processing & analysis)

Professional Associations

- International Federation of Social Workers (www.ifsw.org)
- Canadian Association of Social Workers (www.casw-acts.ca)
- Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (www.carpnational.org)
- British Columbia Association of Social Workers (www.bcasw.org/)
- Alberta College of Social Workers (www.acsw.ab.ca/news)
- International Network for School Social Work (<http://internationalnetwork-schoolsocialwork.htmlplanet.com/>)
- Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers (www.nlasw.ca/)
- The National Association of Social Workers (USA) (www.naswdc.org/)
- Social Work Alliance (UK & Europe) (www.socialworkalliance.net/)
- British Association of Social Workers (www.basw.co.uk/)
- Institute for Global Communications (www.igc.apc.org/)
- Clinical Social Work Federation (www.cswf.org/)
- National Organization of Forensic Social Work (www.nofsw.org/)