



## What can I do with a Degree in SOCIAL WORK?

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*The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.  
Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.  
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path*

### **Description of Social Work**

Social work as a profession has evolved because of societal concern about persistent and emerging human dilemmas, social injustices and inequities that affect normal social functioning. It encompasses a broadening range of activities from assisting individuals to affecting social policies. The profession's unifying element is its commitment to human well being. The Bachelor of Social Work prepares the student for entry-level professional social work practice. The aim of the BSW program is excellence in the general practice of social work. Generalist practice is based on an understanding of the ecological perspective, is driven by commitment to social justice, and is grounded in scientific research. The Master of Social Work offers a graduate degree to prepare students for competent and responsible advanced practice. The MSW degree meets all educational requirements leading to licensing by the State of Georgia as a licensed Social Worker.

### **Possible Job Titles of Sociology Graduates (\*As reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)**

Activities Director*	Non-Residential Director*
Advisor*	Oncology Social Worker*
Behavior Specialist*	Outreach Coordinator*
Case Manager*	Primary Counselor*
Child and Family Therapist*	Project Coordinator*
Community Development specialist*	Record Coordinator*
Community Educator*	Residential Manager*
Counselor*	School Social Worker
Curriculum & Consulting Specialist*	Social Service Technician*
DFCS Social Service Specialist*	Social Services Case Manager*
Director, Children's Services*	Social Services Provider*
Forensic Social Worker*	Social Services Specialist*
Fundraising Chair*	Social Worker*
Juvenile Probation Officer*	Staff Representative*
Medical Social Worker*	Substance Abuse Counselor*

### **To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:**

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (userid: ugacpp & password: gcis889)

O\*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

*\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.*

### **Possible Employment Settings for Social Work Graduates (\*As reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)**

ACC Dept of Human and Economic Development*	Big Brothers & Sisters of Atlanta*
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems*	Caring for Children*
Alcove Youth Shelter*	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta*
Athens Area Homeless Shelter*	Cobb Douglas Community Services Board*
Athens Community Council on Aging*	Cornerstones Counseling*
Behavioral Solutions*	DeKalb Community Service Board*

Department of Health\*  
Department of Juvenile Justice\*  
Egleston Children's Hospital\*  
Emory University Hospital\*  
Families First\*  
Georgia Community Support and Solutions\*

Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS)\*  
Georgia Mountain Community Services\*  
Hope For Children\*  
Hospice Atlanta\*  
Pathways\*  
Positive Impact\*

### **Career Center Library Resources**

*Careers in Focus – Social Work* by Ferguson  
*Careers in Social Work* by Leon H. Ginsberg  
*Days in the Lives of Social Workers* by Linda Grobman  
*Opportunities in Social Work Careers* by Renee Wittenberg  
*The Social Work Graduate Application Handbook* by Jesus Reyes

### **Strategies**

- Volunteer at homeless shelters, soup kitchens, battered women's shelters, literacy programs, or other social service agencies
- Gain experience working with children as a camp counselor, tutor, or daycare teacher
- Participate in events sponsored by nonprofit organizations such as the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, AIDS Walk, etc
- Spend time volunteering at corrections facilities
- Become trained in the process of becoming a foster parent
- Observe school social workers and school counselors

### **Employment Websites**

Human Services Career Network: <http://www.hscareers.com/>

Social Work Job Bank: <http://www.socialworkjobbank.com/site/>

Idealist: <http://www.idealists.org>

Opportunity Knocks: <http://www.opportunityknocks.org/>

### **Additional Resources for Social Work Majors**

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW): <http://www.socialworkers.org/>

Georgia Chapter of NASW: <http://www.naswga.org/>

Council on Social Work Education: <http://www.cswe.org/CSWE/>

Athens Community Connection: <http://www.communityconnection211.com/>

United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta: <http://unitedwayatlanta.org/>