

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

SOCIAL WORK

Social work focuses on addressing societal issues and promoting individual, group, and community well-being through advocacy, intervention, and support services. They pay special attention to issues of social justice and work frequently with those affected by poverty and discrimination. Social work is a distinct academic field, and graduates with degrees in social work can be employed in a variety of settings, including medical clinics, mental health areas, child welfare organizations, schools, legislative and policy organizations, and more.

COMMON JOB TITLES

* additional education or certification required post graduation

ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS:

Case Manager
Family Protection Specialist
Community/Family Services Manager
Community Health Worker
Policy Analyst*
Advocacy Outreach Specialist

Social Service Coordinator
Counselor*
Social Worker
Child Welfare Supervisor
Behavioral Health Technician
Research Coordinator

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO SOCIAL WORK MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK?

K-12 Schools: OPS, Millard Public Schools, LPS

Child Welfare Organizations: NE Children & Families Foundation

Government: NE DHHS, NE Dept of Education, NE Dept of VA

Community Mental Health: CenterPointe, Heartland FS

Nursing & Group Homes: Madonna, Hillcrest, Mosaic

Probation & Parole Departments: NE State Probation System

Colleges & Universities: UNO, UNL, UNK

Hospitals & Health Departments: Nebraska Medicine, Douglas County Health Department

Nonprofit Organizations: Boys Town, Child Saving Institute

Head Start Centers: Community Action, NE Head Start Centers

Prisons & Correctional Facilities: NE State Pent., NE Correctional Youth Facility (NCYF)

Community Centers: Latino Center of the Midlands, Completely KIDS

IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

Transferable Skills Gained:

Problem-solving skills
Communication Skills
Listening & Empathy Skills
Leadership & Collaboration Skills

Concrete Skills Gained:

Microsoft Office
SPSS/R
Google Scholar
Google Suite

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Join the **UNO Student Social Work Organization** to connect with other students, and participate in student service activities

Get involved with **UNO Community Engagement** within the Student Service and Leadership Collaborative

Attend & participate in events and research at **UNO Goldstein Center for Human Rights**, the **UNO Juvenile Justice Institute**, and more

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MAJOR + MINOR SPECIALIZATION: HOW CAN I SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATE?

Social Work + Political Science minor = Policy Analyst*

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Social Work + Public Administration minor = Child Welfare Supervisor

Social Work + Psychology minor = Mental Health/Substance Abuse Counselor*

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Social & Community Service Managers

Social Workers

Mental Health Counselors

School Counselors & Advisors

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to accounting jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

A **Masters degree** or **Doctoral Degree** may be beneficial or required after graduation depending on your desired career path. Advanced degrees offer opportunities for research, specialization, and development.

More Information:

UNO Social Work Graduate Program

UNO Graduate Programs A-Z

OTHER RESOURCES :

UNO Grace Abbot School of Social Work

Career Exploration in Career Services

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational Outlook Handbook


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