

# What Can I Do With a Major in...

# Human Services?

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Human services prepares individuals for positions in the helping professions. Working in a myriad of settings, social services/nonprofits, criminal justice to business, human services professionals help people to live and work at their highest potential. They function as counselors, educators, advocates, case managers, policy analysts and researchers. In addition to working directly with people, they work with organizations and policy makers to eliminate poverty and oppression in a never-ending quest for social justice.

### Skills/Competencies Associated with Human Services Majors:

- \*Desire to help people and make a difference in making a better life for others
  - \*Sensitivity, empathy, patience
  - \*Perseverance
  - \*Good communication skills
  - \*Integrity
- \*Ability to make sound judgments and decisions

### Related Occupations:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Agency Director                       | Family Services Social Worker | Policy Analyst                      |
| Aging/Gerontology Specialist          | Group Home Director           | Probation Officer                   |
| Assistant Director of Agency          | Group Worker                  | Program Manager                     |
| Behavior Specialist                   | Health Care Specialist        | Psychiatric Social Worker           |
| Case Worker                           | Health Care Worker            | Research Analyst                    |
| Child Welfare Worker                  | Historian                     | Residential Counselor               |
| Clinical Social Worker                | Hospital Social Worker        | School Counselor                    |
| Consultant                            | Intake Counselor              | School Social Worker                |
| Deputy Director                       | International Social Worker   | Substance Abuse Counselor           |
| Developmental Disabilities Specialist | Market Research Analyst       | Supervisor                          |
| Educator                              | Marriage Counselor            | Technical Writer                    |
| Employee Assistance Counselor         | Medical Social Counselor      | Therapeutic Staff Service Worker    |
| Employment/Occupational Social Worker | Mental Health Worker          | Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor |
| Faith-based Agency Worker             | Mobile Therapist              |                                     |
|                                       | Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer   |                                     |
|                                       | Policy & Planning Specialist  |                                     |
|                                       | Policy Advocate               |                                     |

\*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

### **Strategies:**

- \*Obtain an internship in field of interest.
- \*Volunteer for social work agency.
- \*Learn about current social problems in community/world.
- \*Volunteer for charitable organizations.
- \*Tutor or mentor.
- \*Participate in charitable events.
- \*Enhance communication and computer skills.

### **Resources for Human Services Majors:**

National Association of Social Workers  
<http://www.socialworkers.org>

Assoc. for Community Org. & Social Administration  
<http://www.acosa.org>

College Central Network  
[www.collegecentral.com/gmc](http://www.collegecentral.com/gmc)

Philanthropy  
<http://philanthropy.com>

Social Work JobBank  
<http://www.socialworkjobbank.com>

The New Social Worker Magazine  
<http://www.socialworker.com>

Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA)  
Resource and job links  
<http://www.acosa.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

O\*NET Online  
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Non Profit Times  
[www.nptimes.com](http://www.nptimes.com)

Idealist  
[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)

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