What Can I Do With a Major in…

Human Services?

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
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Integrity and perseverance
- Ability to make sound judgments and decisions

Related Occupations:

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

*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:

National Association of Social Workers
www.socialworkers.org

Assoc. for Community Org. & Social Administration
www.acosa.org

The Chronicle of Philanthropy
http://philanthropy.com

Social Work JobBank
www.socialworkjobbank.com

The New Social Worker Magazine
www.socialworker.com

PA Department of Public Welfare
www.dpw.state.pa.us

Social Work Career Center
http://careers.socialwork.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

College Central Network
www.collegecentral.com/gmc

O*NET Online
http://online.onetcenter.org

Non Profit Times
www.nptimes.com

Idealist
www.idealist.org

Human Services Career Network
www.hscareers.com

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