

What can I do with this major?

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

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.idealists.org

Human Services Career Network
www.hscareers.com

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