

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
 - *Perseverance
 - *Good communication skills
 - *Integrity
- *Ability to make sound judgments and decisions

Related Occupations:

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

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

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

Non Profit Times
www.nptimes.com

Idealist
www.idealists.org

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