

What can I do with my studies in Social Work

Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles:

- Social Worker
- Social Advocate
- Case Manager
- Crisis Intervention Worker
- Child Welfare Worker
- Group Home Worker
- Meals-o-Wheels Coordinator
- Youth Care Worker
- Fundraiser
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Life Skills Coach
- Mental Health Worker
- Patient Advocate
- Veteran's Affairs Field Officer
- Community Facilitator
- Halfway House Supervisor

The information in this handout will provide you with ideas as to some typical careers/jobs that are associated with your degree, along with alternative careers that may not be as directly related to what you have studied. This by no means implies that these jobs are the only options you have. These careers are just samples of what you can do if you have the appropriate skills and experience.

If you're feeling a bit lost and you're curious about your future career options, we encourage undergrads to register for the [Undergrad Hive](#) career exploration program. Feel free to come by the CAPS office to make an appointment with a career advisor to discuss your career options and job search strategies.

Possible job titles outside my area of study:

Business

- Community Liaison Officer
- Customer Service Trainer
- Insurance Agent
- Quality Control / Quality Assurance Specialist
- Investment Advisor
- Consumer / Market Researcher
- Entrepreneur / Venture Capitalist
- Actuary
- Recruiter

Try searching for the job titles shown on this page at either jobbank.gc.ca or careercruising.com, where you'll find career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks (login details for Career Cruising available by contacting CaPS).

Communications

- Writer / Author / Columnist
- Editor
- Reporter / Correspondent
- Technical Writer
- Broadcaster
- Communications Specialist
- Journalist

Education

- Academic Advisor
- Career Advisor
- Teacher's Assistant
- Professor

With additional education/ training or experience:

Law & Criminal Justice

- Children's Aid Investigator
- Legislative Assistant
- Paralegal
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist

Family & Social Services

- Volunteer Services Director
- Family Therapist
- Family Counsellor
- Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Refugee / Displaced Persons Officer
- Special Needs Instructor
- Recreation & Events Coordinator
- Veteran Affairs Specialist
- Case Work Consultant
- Child Welfare Officer
- Substance Abuse Counsellor
- Foster Care Social Worker
- Crisis Intervention Counsellor

Public Health & Program Administration

- Psychiatric Social Worker
- Medical Social Worker
- Geriatric Social Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Public Administrator
- Group Home Manager
- Career Guidance Counsellor
- Community Centre Director
- Planner
- Community Development Specialist
- Nursing Home Manager
- Family Planning Counsellor
- Public Health & Social Service Evaluator
- Special Needs Counsellor

Social Scientific Research & Advertising

- Social Impact Assessor
- Policy Analyst
- Researcher
- Public Assistance Advisor
- Social Survey Director
- Data Analyst
- Demographic Analyst
- Public Policy Researcher
- Demographer
- Health Care Service Statistician
- Women's Organization Analyst / Adviser
- Government Policy Advisor
- Gerontologist

Business

- Benefits Officer
- Management Consultant
- Human Resources Trainer
- Human Resources Specialist
- Public Relations Consultant
- Job Analyst
- Corporate Social Responsibility Officer
- Special Events Coordinator

Areas of Employment:

- Advertising and Marketing Companies
- Community Services
- Correctional & Rehabilitation Centres
- Non-Profit Organizations, Charity Services
- International Relief Agencies
- Adoption & Child Care Agencies
- Counselling Services
- Court Systems & Law Offices
- Educational Institutions
- Employment Agencies
- Environmental Advocacy Groups
- Foster Care Services & Halfway Houses
- Government Agencies & Public Relations Offices
- Health Services & Women's Services
- Immigration Assistance Agencies
- Research Centres, Libraries & Medical Centres

Related Skills:

- Interpersonal communication (oral and written)
- Engage in ethical practice
- Problem solving, decision making Concern for and sensitivity to others
- Dealing with parents & guardians
- Insight to deal effectively with people
- Able to promote healthy relationships
- Understanding of group functioning and dynamics
- Aptitude for leadership
- Understanding of learning disabilities, physical disabilities, psychosocial concerns of children, adolescents, adults and in the elderly.
- Ability to plan and carry out long term projects
- Ability to write grant proposals
- Conduct research related to human development and behaviour
- Design and construct surveys/interviews/research
- Interviewing, surveying and sampling
- Conducting field studies
- Identifying value systems
- Ability to carry out tasks with thoroughness, precision and attention to detail
- Determine the significant aspects of a multi-dimensional problem
- Ability to explain psychological/social work research and possibly psychological tests
- Ability to formulate and defend positions
- Ability to interact with people of different backgrounds in different situations
- Ability to maintain composure in stressful situations
- Capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others
- Ability to make critical observations, evaluations and appropriate decisions
- Ability to read material articulately and analytically
- Think thoroughly and systematically, using methods of conceptual analysis and detailed description
- Advocacy skills
- Assessment & evaluation skills
- Community organization skills to improve physical/ economic/ social environment
- Coordinating community services
- Counselling skills - individuals, couples, families, groups
- Good listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills

- Knowledge of community resources
- Investigation skills in investigating allegations of abuse, neglect, or violations of rights
- Knowledge of the influence of society on individual & family functioning
- Listening, clarifying & responding skills
- Managing personnel, programs and budgets
- Mediation skills involving custody or other issues
- Planning social policy and programs
- Provide services in areas of advocacy, community organization, addressing issues regarding “at risk” populations, social policy and social justice
- Skill in applying a complex set of criteria in order to make an evaluation
- Specialized knowledge of client issues & individual differences
- Teaching & training skills
- Thorough & systematic thinking skills, using conceptual analysis, reasoning & detailed description
- Training in developing systematic procedures of investigating a problem
- Work well under pressure
- Utilizing statistical analysis

Associations & Websites:

- Association of Social Work Boards
<http://www.aswb.org/>
- Canadian Association of Social Workers
<http://www.casw-acts.ca/>
- Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
<http://www.carpnational.org/>
- Clinical Social Work Federation
<http://www.cswf.org/>
- National Association of Social Workers (USA)
<http://www.naswdc.org/>
- National Organization of Forensic Social Work
<http://nofsw.org/>
- International Federation of Social Workers
<http://ifsw.org/>
- International Network for School Social Work
<http://internationalnetwork-schoolsocialwork.htmlplanet.com/>