

Social Work

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.

What do social workers do?

- Identify people, families, and communities in need of help
- Assess clients' needs and strengths
- Help clients adjust to challenges, such as illness and divorce
- Advocate for resources, including food stamps and health care
- Respond to crisis situations such as child abuse and mental illness
- Develop services to ensure clients' basic needs are met



Job Outlook

Median salary with Bachelor's degree	\$37,000
Number of jobs	707,400 total
Job growth	11% expected growth

Careers in Social Work

Child and family social workers protect vulnerable children and help families in need

School social workers develop strategies to improve grades and social development

Healthcare social workers help patients understand diagnoses and adjust their lifestyle

Mental health and substance abuse workers help clients with mental illnesses or addictions

Probation officers and correctional specialists rehabilitate offenders

Policy and community social workers promote social change through education, legislation, and community interventions

Administrative social workers hold leadership roles in organizations such as nonprofits, hospitals, and schools



Want to learn more about the social work major?

Contact the Social Work Program Coordinator at kpkremer@ksu.edu or 785-532-6895.

Courses in Social Work

Core Social Work Courses

Social Work: The Helping Profession
Human Behavior in the Social Environment
Social Welfare & Policy Analysis
Macro Practice & Theory
Social Work Research
Social Work Practice with Groups
Social Work Practice with Individuals & Families
Social Work Field Work & Professional Seminar

Electives in Social Work

Basic Skills for Working with People
Case Management and Holistic Recovery
Dynamics of Working with Older Adults
Social Work and Intimate Partner Violence
Understanding Substance Use Disorders
The Nature and Effects of Addictive Substances
Assessment/Treatment of Substance Use Disorders

Practicum field placements are completed in the final semester, providing students with unique, hands-on social work experiences.

Field placements include:

Child & Adult Protection	Sexual Violence
Educational Settings	Substance Abuse
Economic Stability	Older Adults
Medical Settings	Domestic Violence
Mental Health	Community Corrections
	Foster Care & Adoption