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

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