



# Andrews University

## Social Work Department

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*"An Exciting Profession that offers a  
World of Possibilities."*

### Careers

- Marriage & Family Counselor
- Medical Social Worker
- School Social Worker
- Home Health Care Social Worker
- Political & Policy Analyst
- Community Organizer
- Adoption & Foster Care Worker
- Child Care Worker
- Child & Adolescent Therapist
- Probation Officer
- Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counselor
- Domestic Violence Counselor
- Mental Health Worker
- Social Work Professor
- Social Work Researcher
- Case Manager
- Employee Assistance Counselor
- Geriatric Social Worker
- Hospice Social Worker
- International Disaster Relief Specialist

### Populations

- Children with Special Needs
- Adolescents & Children At-Risk
- Couples & Families
- Individuals in Crisis
- Culturally Diverse Groups
- Rural & Urban Communities
- People who are Homeless
- People who are Elderly
- Church & Religious Populations
- Survivors of Family Violence
- People in the Corporate World
- Students in High School & College
- People Dealing with Loss & Grief
- People with Mental Disabilities
- People who are Disabled
- People who are in the Criminal Justice System
- Populations in Disaster Areas
- Leaders in Public Policy
- Groups who are Oppressed

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# Top 10 Reasons to Choose Social Work

1. **Make a Difference.** Over 640,000 social workers change lives every day.
2. **Job Security.** Hundreds of job options ... you should never be bored or unemployed.
3. **Growing Profession.** The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 13% growth through 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations.
4. **Accreditation Matters.** Our program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education through 2026.
5. **4 + 1 and Done.** Graduate with both BSW & MSW in only 5 years; save \$23,000 on MSW costs in the process.
6. **Experience Matters.** Our eight faculty teach their classes based on years of real-world experience.
7. **Class Size Matters.** Small class sizes mean you create community with faculty and students, along with plenty of skills practice.
8. **Practice Makes Perfect.** Skills are perfected in 400-hour agency internship.
9. **100%.** That's our pass rate for professional licensure and job placements.
10. **Chocolate Mondays.** Everyone needs a little sweetness once a week.

# **Top 10 Qualities of a Social Worker**

**You're probably qualified to be a social worker if you're ....**

1. More caring than the average Jane or Joe
2. Interested in making a difference in the world
3. A good listener who people seek out when they need to talk
4. Courageous in the face of challenges
5. Flexible and adaptable to change
6. A solution seeker
7. Able to think on your feet
8. A champion of the underdog
9. Ethical and responsible
10. Patient with others' mistakes

# **Ten Fast Facts about Social Work**

- 1. Social workers provide more mental health services (about 70%) than any other helping profession (yes, that includes psychologists and psychiatrists).**
- 2. Social workers work with clients from birth (hospital social work) to death (hospice social work) and everywhere in between (schools, criminal justice, geriatrics, marriage & family counseling, etc.).**
- 3. Social workers get so many jobs because they work on so many levels – with individuals, families, groups, communities, as well as administration, politics and research.**
- 4. Social workers help people with issues in their everyday lives, like relationship challenges, family difficulties, and drug and alcohol problems.**
- 5. There are more than 640,000 social workers in the United States, with 13% growth projected through 2029.**
- 6. Social workers focus more on strengths than pathologies – it's more about who you can become, not how damaged your past has been.**
- 7. Social work students have internships in real community agencies – where would you like to work?**
- 8. Although a bachelor's degree (BSW) is sufficient for entry into the field, an advanced degree (MSW) is the standard for many positions.**
- 9. You can get an MSW degree in one extra year after completing your BSW degree. Keep your grades above 3.0!**
- 10. Average salaries from 2020 Occupational Handbook:**
  - Bachelor of Social Work (BSW): \$44,200**
  - Master of Social Work (MSW): \$59,100**