



SOCIAL WORK

Program Objectives

The University of Southern Maine's School of Social Work is committed to educating culturally competent generalist social-work practitioners prepared for multi-level, strengths-based practice that values the centrality of community in enhancing the well-being of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

School of Social Work Diversity Statement

Commitment to diversity is an integral part of the School of Social Work's mission. The School of Social Work faculty and staff are committed to preparing culturally competent social work practitioners. We welcome and honor people of all ages, abilities, creeds, cultures, genders, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic statuses. We value intellectual curiosity, pursuit of knowledge, academic freedom, and integrity, and vigorously promote a safe atmosphere where ideas can be presented and challenged in a mutually respectful manner. We promote values of social justice and social change, and strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice through partnership with the community and in our teaching, scholarship, and service endeavors.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Major Offered: Social Work

School of Social Work

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Web Address: usm.maine.edu/swo

Career Possibilities*

Administration Planning
Advocacy/Intervention
Assessment
Budgeting
Case Management
Child Life Specialists
Clinical Practice
Counseling/Therapy
Education
Fundraising
Hospice Care
Human Resources
Organizational Development
Parole
Rehabilitation
Research
Student Advocacy
Supervision
Therapy
Volunteer Coordination
Wellness
Youth Services

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Active
Complex Problem Solving
Coordination
Critical Thinking
Judgment and Decision Making
Reading Comprehension
Service Orientation
Social Perceptiveness
Speaking
Writing

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Public Welfare	Public welfare agencies Private social service agencies Local, state, and federal government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public welfare is designed to provide services and support for poor, disabled, ill, elderly, or juvenile clients. Volunteer at social service agencies to get experience. Four out of ten social workers work for the government. Complete an internship with the federal government.
Research and Education	Colleges and universities Research institutes Research hospitals Government Advocacy organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research provides data and statistics important in program implementation and policy development. Doctor of Social Work (DSW) or Ph.D. usually required. Some teaching and administration positions may be available to MSW's. Gain research experience as an undergraduate by assisting professors with their work.
Vocational	Larger corporations Employee assistance programs Labor unions Department of Labor Community agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational social workers help employees to be more productive and satisfied. Gain experience in a university career center while in school. Earn a relevant certification
Healthcare	Hospitals Nursing homes Group homes Hospice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social workers in healthcare facilitate medical and emotional treatment of patients. They may focus on helping clients and their -families cope with acute or terminal illnesses by providing psychosocial support. Choose volunteer settings to get experience. Gain membership in relevant associations.

*To learn about these areas and much more visit: whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major • © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major

Enrichment Opportunities

- Internships** For more information contact Dept. of Social Work.
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/internships
- Study Abroad** For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad
- Clubs & Organizations** [Social Work Student Organization](http://socialworkstudentorganization.org)
For a complete list of student organizations:
webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list
- USM Corporate Partners** The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

Helpful Career Links

- USMCareerConnections:**
USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections
- O*NET OnLine:**
Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org
- Occupational Outlook Handbook:**
Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/ooH
- PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...**
[Student Division of National Association of Social Workers](http://studentdivisionofnationalassociationofsocialworkers.org)
[Council on Social Work Education](http://councilonsocialworkeducation.org)
[Association of Social Work Boards](http://associationofsocialworkboards.org)



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