

Academic and Employability Skills

Personal analysis

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INTRODUCTION

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE WAY TO THE SOCIAL WORKER

- Analysis of the job of social worker
- Analysis of my qualities, qualifications and readiness for the job
- SWOT analysis
- Personal Development Plan
- Personal development as a result of my present study
- Conclusion
- References

Social workers are...

Able to:

- Access and combine data
- Develop comprehensive plans
- Provide support
- Evaluate services
- Follow up diagnosis
- Provide best possible recommendations

Possess qualifications:

- BA in social work
- At least 1-year-experience in the field
- Healthcare social work license

They are:

- Compassionate
- Strong team workers
- Good in organising people and events
- Excellent communicators
- Tough with deadlines
- Experienced with documentation

Responsible for:

- Taking fast and effective decisions about their patients
- Promoting positive therapy and coping methods
- Assess patients' conditions and determine psychological and behavioral needs
- Being the best council for their patients

What is it like to be a social worker?	What I am.
Have a BA in health and social care and a license for a social worker	Still studying for proper qualification Not being licensed yet
Assess clients and protect them from harm	Not experienced
Be a key worker, able to organise others involved in giving support	Good organiser, can manage with people at each level and motivates them easily
Offer sufficient information, act as a council and offer advocacy	Good experience in counselling and advocacy
Create and manage plans to support clients	Can create plans and have constructive thinking
Organise team meetings and case conferences	Good experience in team meetings and case conferences
Keep records and report – written or orally	Wide experience with records and report writing
Give evidence at court hearings when required	No experience in working with the court and other authorities
Process data develop plans, provide recommendations and analyse medical conditions	Can develop plans, give recommendations. No experience with medical conditions.
Be patient, empathic and good listener	Very calm and empathic person. Able to listen and respond to other people's problem giving support and advice

SWOT



STRENGTH

- Experience in working with children, young adults and adults
- Excellent communication skills and ability to persuade people and explain difficult matter in an easy way
- Good organizational skills
- Fast reaction in critical situations
- Persuasive manner of talk
- Skills to create development plans and follow them successfully
- Ability to evaluate progress and give support



WEAKNESS

- Little experience in working with legislation in the UK
- No qualified for the job
- Not registered as a social worker
- Not experienced in working with clients with medical conditions



OPPORTUNITY

- Acquiring a qualification in Health and social care in the next 3 years
- Find apprentice job to help gaining experience in the field
- Financial independence
- Personal development



THREAT

- Loose the focus and drop out from study
- Family and relatives
- Shrink in the market in the next 3 to 4 years and not being able to find job
- Competition during job searching process

What are my big goals?	Which goals need to happen first?	When do I want to achieve this?	What obstacles might get in my way?	How can I improve my chances of meeting my goal?	Where can I go for support?	Review: How am I doing?
Finish my study and take a BA Diploma	1. Finish Level 4 Year in the middle of 2021. 2. Learn about BA and the programme the UWTSD offers. 3. Apply with student finance for the rest two years.	Till the middle of 2021 for Level 4 and till the end of 2024 for my BA	1. Missing out the funding. 2. Lack of motivation. 3. Family distraction.	1.Keep focused. 2. Stay informed about the subject.	1. Lecturers 2. University staff	
Find a job as a social worker	1.. Make a proper research in job seeking sites 2.. Find the job that looks good for me and write a good cover letter 3.. Apply for the job. 4.. Prepare for the interview.	Withing the first one to two month after I have received my Qualification.	1. A bad CV or application. 2. Not covering the pre-start experience.	1. Stay on the topic and continue to read around subject to keep up to date. 2. Read guides on application process. 3. Found a shadowing or volunteering job for the period of my study.	1. My employer. 2. Career advisors. 3. Colleagues.	

How Academic and Employability Skills

keep me on the track

- **Learned how to manage my time effectively**
- **Can write a CV that will sell me best**
- **Understood the difference between a cover letter and a successful cover letter**
- **My academic writing is improved, and referencing is not “terra incognita” anymore**
- **Refreshed my public speaking and presentation skills**
- **Gained theoretical knowledge about reflection**
- **Trained my critical thinking**

Conclusion

**If you focus on results, you will never change.
If you focus on change, you will get results.**

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