

Social Worker



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The seams of society are held together by social workers. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) estimates that there are 700,000 social workers in the country. In other words, the number of social workers and police officers is roughly equal.

What is a Social Worker?

A social workers work is varied, there aim is to make people's lives better.

By supporting human rights and wellbeing, as well as assisting with social and personal challenges, social workers seek to enhance the lives of those they support.

Social workers shield vulnerable adults and children from danger.

Social work is a complex, hard, frequently emotional, and extremely rewarding profession that can involve anything from aiding someone with mental health issues to helping keep a family together under strain.

Where do social workers work?



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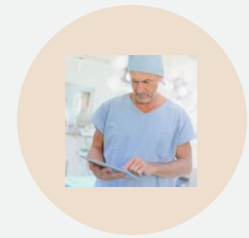
HEALTH ORGANISATIONS
LIKE THE NATIONAL
HEALTH SERVICE



VOLUNTARY
ORGANISATIONS



CHARITIES



HOSPITALS

What type of people do social workers work with?

the elderly	children with disabilities	teenagers with mental health problems	young offenders
adults with learning disabilities, mental health problems or physical disabilities	people with alcohol, drug or other substance misuse problems	refugees and asylum seekers	families at risk of breaking down
children who need to live apart from their families	foster carers and adopters	children who are at risk of abuse or neglect	carers

What can Social Workers Specialize in

- Health Care / Hospital Social Worker
- Child & Family Social Worker
- Criminal Justice Social Worker
- Social Worker in Mental Health
- Elder Care Social Worker
- Social Worker in Schools
- Social Worker Working in Substance Abuse/Treatment

Roles

- Take part in creating the psychological support strategy.
- Locate, make use of, and arrange for suggested service and treatment providers
- Cooperate with healthcare professionals, patients, and community organizations
- Make assessments of needs
- Assist patients and their families with medical issues, such as getting to and from appointments and obtaining documentation.



Depending on their area of specialization, social workers have a variety of roles. In a hospital setting, one of their responsibilities is to serve as a liaison between patients and carers in order to enhance the patient experience. A health care social worker may play the following roles:

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of a hospital social worker consist of:

- teaching families and patients about conditions and suggested paths of care
- identifying mental or emotional problems by doing psychosocial examinations
- counselling those who are distressed or going through a crisis



Benefits and impacts of a social worker

- Collaboration – social workers collaborate with other professionals and organizations to provide comprehensive support and services.
- Advocacy – Social workers advocate for social justice and policy change to improve lives.
- Child welfare – Social workers play a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of children.
- Reduced poverty – Social workers can help reduce poverty by providing resources and support to vulnerable populations.
- Improved mental health – Social workers improve mental health outcomes for individuals and communities.

What challenges do social workers face in their job?



No training

Unpredictable
lifestyle

Emotional
stress

(TEMPEST SOCIAL WORK, 2019)

(DEGREE QUERY, 2023)

What academic skills are needed to be a social worker?



DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK



MASTER'S DEGREE IN
SOCIAL WORK



EXPERIENCE OF WORKING
WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE

What professional skills are required for the role?

A wide range of skills are needed in social work, including:

- Critical thinking
- Active listening
- Emotional intelligence
- Empathy
- Communication
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Problem solving

What would a social workers personal values ideally be?

Empathy

Respect

Integrity

Commitment
to social
justice

Honesty

How could a social worker develop in their career?

More training and assistance are provided to social workers, especially in the beginning of their employment. A freshly certified social worker may be eligible for additional help during their first year of employment through the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE), which consists of the following:

- Regular and ongoing supervision
- A training plan which is tailored to help the social worker develop their skills and career

In order to receive their certificate of fitness to practice, a newly certified social worker must complete their ASYE within the first year of employment. Social workers will receive a new training plan at the completion of the ASYE, which will guarantee that their practices and skills stay up to date. A social worker who sticks to this training plan will have a clear path for career advancement. After gaining enough experience, a social worker can pursue a career in research, management, and training, or they can focus on particular areas of social care.

What codes of conducts do social workers follow?

- **Act with integrity and honesty**
- **Respect**
- **Respect the cultural needs and values of the client**
- **Be competent and responsible for your professional development**
- **Protect the rights and promote the interests of clients**
- **Strive to establish and maintain the trust and confidence of clients**
- **Respect the client's privacy and confidentiality**
- **Work openly and respectfully with colleagues**
- **Keep accurate records and use technology effectively and safely**
- **be responsible in research and publications**

Any questions?



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