

ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

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Role of Social worker

- ▶ Support individual through difficulties
- ▶ Safeguard the vulnerable
- ▶ Act as guides and advocates



Responsibility of Social Worker

- ▶ Offering mental health counselling
- ▶ Assessing client's situation to determine goals and needs
- ▶ Referring individual to suitable treatment care
- ▶ Communicating with client's team
- ▶ Facilitating treatment plan
- ▶ Ensuring all records and files strictly adhere to regulations

List of Social Worker Roles

- ✓ Advocate
- ✓ Counselor
- ✓ Mediator
- ✓ Researcher
- ✓ Educator
- ✓ Manager
- ✓ Case Manager
- ✓ Facilitator
- ✓ Community change agent
- ✓ Broker

Qualification to become a social worker

- ▶ Formal training in social work:
 1. Theory
 2. Methods
 3. Techniques
- ▶ Have an excellent educational background
 1. Respect for human dignity
 2. Advocating for social justice
 3. Showing empathy
 4. Demonstrating humanity



Employment expected Skills

My 21st Century Skills applicable to Social Work

- ✓ *Relating well to people*
- ✓ *Ability to give and understand empathy*
- ✓ *Nonbiased attitude*
- ✓ *Be a team player*
- ✓ *Capable of situational assessment*
- ✓ *Resiliency*
- ✓ *Good communication skills*
- ✓ *Computer literate*
- ✓ *Patient*
- ✓ *Objective*
- ✓ *Resourceful*
- ✓ *Empathetic*
- ✓ *Ethnically responsible*
- ✓ *Organized*
- ✓ *Flexible*



Academic Skills

- ▶ According to Author(2018), academic skills applicable for both academic path and career path of social work include:
- ▶ Time management skills
- ▶ Organization and functional skills
- ▶ Critical thinking
- ▶ Communication skills
- ▶ Leadership skills



Self-SWOT Analysis

- ▶ **Strength**

- ▶ Good timekeeper
- ▶ I have excellent communication skills

- ▶ **Weakness**

- ▶ Lack of awards
- ▶ Lack of experience

- ▶ **Opportunity**

- ▶ I learn in a competent cultural institution
- ▶ Demand for more social workers
- ▶ There is more for improving for personal skills

- ▶ **Threat**

- ▶ Expanding role of social workers requires updating one's knowledge
- ▶ Changing technology needs one to keep upright



Advice to social work Student

- Update oneself to stay relevant and highly qualified
- Social work is about following passion
- Aiming at high practice
- Use social media at your advantage



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