Major: Social Work
http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/

What is Social Work?
http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/about/what-social-work
Helping people overcome some of the challenges associated with abuse, poverty, homelessness, addiction, aging, disability, illness, and discrimination is the heart of social work. Social workers are skilled in ethics, human development and behavior, in ways of helping others, and in the nature and impact of a particular social problem like child abuse or homelessness. They work in a number of different settings including:

- Child welfare and family service agencies
- Hospitals or hospice
- Community mental health or substance abuse treatment centers
- Retirement centers, skilled nursing centers, or other places that serve the needs of the elderly and their families
- Prisons and the justice system
- Schools and community programs

Potential Careers in Social Work
http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/about/potential-careers
Social work is a great career choice if you are interested in helping and advocating for others. Some positions in social work require a master's degree. There are four broad categories of social workers:

- **Medical and public health** - Help patients understand their diagnosis and help make plans for their needs after discharge from the hospital or a care center. Some specialize in providing assistance to the elderly or people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- **Mental health and substance abuse** - Assess and treat people suffering from mental illness or addictions and arrange for on-going support services.
- **Child and family** - Help families find and coordinate services or apply for benefits like food stamps or housing. Protect abused and vulnerable children. They work to help keep families together and safe for children. Locate foster homes or arrange adoptions.
- **School** - Help students achieve their academic and personal potential by acting as a link between them, their parents/guardians, and school officials. They work with students who are struggling with issues like truancy, teen pregnancy, behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, or some type of disability.
Related Career Titles (with OnetOnline links)
Entry-Level (Bachelor’s Degree):
Adoption Specialist
Agency Director
Aging/Gerontology Case Manager
Case Worker
Child Welfare/Children’s Services
Community Organization Director
Community Social Worker
Consultant
Corrections Officer
Demographer
Deputy Director
Developmental Disabilities
Eligibility Specialist
Food Stamp Administrator
Fundraiser
Grant Writer
Health Educator
Healthcare Specialist
Intake Counselor
International Social Worker
Juvenile Probation Officer
Life, Physical, Social Science Technician
Manager/Administrator
Parole Officer
Patient Representative
Policy & Planning Specialist
Policy Advocate
Policy Analyst
Program Manager
Recreation Worker
Research Associate
Social and Community Service Specialist
Social and Human Service Assistant
Social Science Research Assistant
Social Worker
Victim Crisis Manager

Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience:
Agency Director
Child Life Specialist
Geriatric Social Worker
Gerontologist
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Marriage and Family Therapist
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Social Worker
Occupational Social Worker
Public Health Social Worker
Rehabilitation Counselor
School Psychologist
School Social Worker
Social and Community Service Manager
Supervisor

Related Work Sites
Adoption Agencies
Advocacy Organizations
American Red Cross
AmeriCorps
Assisted/Independent Living Centers
Behavioral Health Systems
Child Welfare Agencies
Colleges and Universities
Community Centers
Counseling Agencies
Courts
Daycares
Department of Children’s Services
Department of Education
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Labor
Development Corporations
Disaster/Disease Relief
Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Centers
Early Intervention Programs
Economic and Community Development
Employee Assistance Programs
Family Service Agencies
Government Agencies
Group Homes
Head Start
Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO)
Home Healthcare Agencies
Hospice Care
Hospitals
Housing Services
Human Resources
Human Services Agencies
Humanitarian Organizations
International Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs)
International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
Job Corps
Labor Unions
Mental Health Facilities
Nonprofit Organizations

Skills to Develop to Include on a Resume
Active Listening
Advocacy
Assessment
Behavior management
Budgeting
Case management
Crisis intervention
Conducting field studies
Coping skills
Counseling techniques
Critical thinking
Data analysis
Dedication
Develop project designs
Fundraising
Gathering and organizing data

Not-for-profit Organizations
Nursing Homes
Peace Corps
Police Departments
Prisons and Correctional Facilities
Private Family Services Agencies
Private Practice
Private Treatment Facilities
Probation Offices
Psychiatric Hospitals
Public Health Programs
Public Interest Groups
Public or Private Schools
Public Welfare Agencies
Religious Organizations
Research Institutes
Residential, Foster Care, Adoption Agencies
Senior Activity Centers
Specialized Clinics
Treatment Centers
Veteran’s Affairs
Victim Services Organizations
Wellness Promotion
Youth Services Organizations

Goal setting
Grant writing
Identifying value systems
Integrity and ethical conduct
Intervention
Interviewing skills
Investigation
Knowledge of human development
Maintain records
Multicultural competency
Observing human interactions
Organization
Patience and tolerance
Planning long term projects
Policy development and enforcement
Problem solving
Program development and evaluation  Supervision  
Providing instruction  Surveying and sampling  
Rapport building  Time management  
Research strategies  Understanding group dynamics  
Respecting for diversity  Utilizing statistical applications  
Social Perceptiveness  Willingness to adapt  
Stress Management  Written and verbal communication skill  

Exploring Careers in Social Work
American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work: https://abecsw.org/clinical-social-work/

Professional Associations
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: http://www.aamft.org/iMIS15/AAMFT/
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work: https://www.aapcsw.org/
American Counseling Association: http://www.counseling.org/
American Public Human Services Association: http://www.aphsa.org/content/APHSA/en/home.html
Association for Community Organization and Social Administration: http://www.acosa.org/joomla/
Association of Social Work Boards: http://www.aswb.org/
Clinical Social Work Association: http://www.clinicalsocialworkassociation.org/
Council on Social Work Education: http://www.cswe.org/
International Federation of Social Workers: http://ifsw.org/
National Association of Social Workers: http://www.naswdc.org/
School Social Work Association of America: http://www.sswaa.org/
Society of Social Work Leadership in Health Care: http://www.ssswlhc.org/

Student Organizations
Persevere UNTil Success Happens (PUSH): https://www.facebook.com/untpush
Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work: http://www.phialpha.org/
Social Work Student Association (SWSA): http://pacs.unt.edu/socialwork/students/student-organizations
UNT Student Organizations: [http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-organizations](http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-organizations)

**Job Search Links**
- Allied Health Careers: [http://jobs.alliedhealthcareers.com/c/search_results.cfm](http://jobs.alliedhealthcareers.com/c/search_results.cfm)
- Center for Nonprofit Management: [http://cnmconnect.org/](http://cnmconnect.org/)
- Community Career Center: [https://nonprofitjobs.org/](https://nonprofitjobs.org/)
- Corporation for National and Community Service: [http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/careers](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/careers)
- Eagle Careers: [http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers](http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers)
- Exec Searches: [https://execsearches.com/](https://execsearches.com/)
- Nonprofit Opportunities: [http://www.npo.net/](http://www.npo.net/)
- Organizers for America: [http://organizersforamerica.org/page.php?id=89](http://organizersforamerica.org/page.php?id=89)
- Public Service Careers: [http://publicservicecareers.org/find-a-job/](http://publicservicecareers.org/find-a-job/)
- Social Service Job Site: [http://www.socialservice.com/search.cfm](http://www.socialservice.com/search.cfm)
- United Way: [https://careers.unitedway.org/jobs](https://careers.unitedway.org/jobs)
- Work4aGoodCause: [http://work4agoodcause.com/](http://work4agoodcause.com/)
- Work for Good: [https://www.workforgood.org/](https://www.workforgood.org/)

**Internship Search Links**
- College Grad: [https://collegegrad.com/](https://collegegrad.com/)
- Eagle Careers: [http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers](http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers)
- Indeed: [http://www.indeed.com/](http://www.indeed.com/)
InternJobs: http://internjobs.com/
Internships: http://www.internships.com/
Jobing: http://www.jobing.com/
Jobs Flag: http://www.jobsflag.com/
Jobs Radar: http://www.jobsradar.com/
Link Up: http://www.linkup.com/
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/?trk=hb_ft_jobs
Zip Recruiter: https://www.ziprecruiter.com/

Find a Mentor
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/

Additional Resources
Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator:
CareerHMO: http://careerhmo.com/
CareerOneStop: http://www.careерonestop.org/
CareerRealism: http://www.careerrealism.com/
CollegeGrad: http://www.collegegrad.com/jobs
GlassDoor: http://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm
Going Global: http://online.goingglobal.com/default.aspx
LinkedIn: http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html
mySkills myFuture: http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/
Salary Calculator Center: www.jobsearchintelligence.com/salary-calculator-intro/-etc
O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/
Sperling's Compare Cost of Living: http://www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living/

Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Development Specialist! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.

*Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:
Central Washington University: http://www.cwu.edu/career/
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/
Texas State University: http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/
University of North Carolina Wilmington: http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html
University of North Texas: http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center
University of Tennessee-Knoxville: http://career.utk.edu/
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm

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