What you can do with your SOCIAL WELFARE MAJOR

Major Skills:

Advocacy
You advocate on behalf of individuals, families, communities, and organizations by making effective and supportive arguments and building coalitions.

Equity and Inclusivity
You connect awareness of the self, systems, and social welfare knowledge to promote justice, equity, and inclusion and guard against biases; promote anti-oppressive practices.

Critical Self-Reflection
You practice critical self-reflection of one’s values, beliefs, and biases regarding the causes and consequences of social welfare issues.

Problem Solving
You analyze solutions to global social problems and make recommendations that promote the greater good.

Critical Thinking
You recognize human differences, considering a variety of evidence, and how social welfare systems interact with these differences to shape opportunities and outcomes for individuals, groups, and communities.

Research
You are critical and thoughtful consumers of research, use evidence to support arguments, and explain information clearly and concisely.

Written & Oral Communication
You synthesize ideas and effectively communicate them verbally, visually, and in writing.

Supplement Your Skills With Experience In:

Career and Self-Development
Study Abroad, Internships, Volunteering, Job-Shadowing & Part-Time Work
Leadership & Teamwork
Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion
Service-Learning and Certificate Programs

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account
for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities
to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising
from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu
Put your Social Welfare major to WORK

Frequent Alumni Job Titles:
1. Social Worker
2. Chief Executive Officer
3. Employment Specialist
4. Executive Director
5. Human Resources Consultant
6. Realtor
7. Teacher
8. Admissions Director
9. Community Services Director
10. Director of Development
11. Director of Social Services
12. Manager
13. Business Owner
14. Project Manager
15. Psychotherapist
16. Registered Nurse
17. School Counselor
18. Access Control Specialist
19. Professor

Top Employers of Alumni:
1. UW-Madison
2. UW Health
3. Agrace
4. University of Chicago
5. US Department of Veterans Affairs
6. UW-Madison Department of Medicine
7. Care Wisconsin
8. Chrysalis Inc.
9. Dakota County
10. Denver Health

Additional Employers:
- UW Credit Union
- First Weber
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Yahara House (Journey Mental Health Center)
- Alaska USA Mortgage Company
- Abby Realty

Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:
- 51% Employment
- 46% Continuing Education or Grad School
- 3% Other

Industry of Employment 2016-2021:
1. Healthcare
2. Education
3. Non-profit
4. Research
5. Government
6. Human Resources
7. Retail
8. Services
9. Automotive
10. Hospitality

Where Alumni Live & Work:
- 49% Wisconsin
- 10% Illinois
- 5% Minnesota
- 5% California
- 4% New York
- 27% Other

Career Communities for Social Welfare Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources, and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Social Welfare majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

Venus Washington-Ross, 2008
Fitness Entrepreneur, Venus Inspires & Madison Elite Track Club Inc.
Madison, WI

“Majoring in Social Welfare was the foundation for everything that I have accomplished professionally. While I was majoring in Social Welfare, I was not aware of the endless possibilities it would offer me. Today, I can look back with gratitude for my education in this field.”

Gretchen Selzer Zagzebski, 2013
Owner, Psychotherapist, Vernal Wellness, PLLC
Northbrook, IL

“...My Social Welfare major taught me how to connect with people in a real way. From listening and hearing what it is they really need, to connecting them to the appropriate resources.”

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