UST Career Development Center

What Can I Do With A Major In...

Social Work

Social Work Programs Available at the University of St. Thomas:
Major: Social Work (B.S.W. or B.A.)
Department Website: http://www.stthomas.edu/socialwork/undergraduate/default.html

Major Overview:

Your spark of idealism, belief in social justice and love of working with people, together with a degree from our accredited social work program, will prepare you for one of the fastest growing careers of the future. At St. Thomas, you'll acquire professional knowledge, values and skills that will empower you for a challenging and rewarding career in social work.

St. Thomas' social work program prepares students for work in a wide range of settings. Recent graduates have been hired in such diverse places as hospitals, community centers, human services departments, public schools, women's shelters, nursing homes and mental health centers. Other graduates find work in private industry, group homes, chemical dependency programs, programs for the elderly, and privately supported family and children's agencies.

The social work major is a joint offering of St. Catherine University and the University of St. Thomas. The curriculum is rooted in a philosophy of social responsibility and respect for individuals' rights. Drawing from the Judeo-Christian traditions of social caring, we prepare students to use social work knowledge, values and skills to demonstrate the intrinsic value of all humankind as they serve those in need and promote social justice and human rights. Rooted in educational justice and community engagement, our program prepares generalist social workers committed to professional ethics and values, service, social justice and human rights. Our comprehensive program integrates theory, research, fieldwork and personal growth components. As a social work major, you'll also take courses in human biology, introduction to sociology, general psychology and lifespan developmental psychology.

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What do UST Social Work alumni do?

A sample of entry level job titles and employers of alumni six to nine months after graduation:

Sample Job Titles:
College Possible Coach, Reading Tutor, Case Developer, Employment Counselor, Youth Counselor, Social Worker, Case Manager, Volunteer, ILS Worker, Family Preservation Specialist, Child Protection Worker, Care Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Unit Manager, Adoption Specialist, School Social Worker, Housing First Case Manager, Admissions Counselor, Opening Shelter Advocate, Director of Social Services, Mission Leader, Residential Treatment Counselor

Sample Employers:
AmeriCorps, Dispute Resolution Center, HIRED, Lutheran Social Services, Minneapolis Public Schools, Thomas Allen, Inc., Yenege Tefsa, ACR Homes, Handy Help LLC, KVC Health Systems, My Home Health Care Inc., Pinnacle Services Inc., ABLE Inc., Catholic Charities, Children's Home Society & Family Services, Elk River School District, The Link, University of St. Thomas, BeechWood Inc., Camp Fire USA, Families Moving Forward, Golden Living Center, Saint Paul Outreach, Volunteers of America

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Additional Industries & Career Areas:

Public Welfare	**Developmental Disabilities**
Criminal Justice/Corrections	**Gerontology**
Research and Education	**Non-Profits**
School Social Work	**Social & Community Services**
Clinical Social Work	**Government/Courts**