

SOCIAL WORK

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

If you're looking for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of options, consider social work. Social workers are people who care about people, who want to make things better, who want to relieve suffering, who want their work to make a difference (Careers.socialworkers.org).

Social workers work in social services, hospitals, mental health facilities, hospice centers, and schools. They work with children, the elderly, veterans, people with medical, behavioral, and mental health issues, individuals with substance abuse issues, and those on probation or parole. Social workers act as case workers, administrators, and counselors.

Credits Required: 60

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Recommended Courses:

PSYC 101 Social & Behavioral Sciences
SOCI 201 General Elective
SOCI 203 General Elective
SOCI 207 General Elective

After Graduation

This Associates degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college. Entry level positions in the field are available with an Associates degree. However, there are greater opportunities for those with further education. Accredited Bachelor's programs prepare students for Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) certification, which expands employment opportunities. A graduate degree in the field opens the doors to becoming a counselor with private practice options.

Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations.

*Students should be aware that criminal background checks are required for most social work positions, as well as for Bachelor's and graduate education programs. A criminal conviction or past infraction does not always mean that licensure will be denied. It can depend on the seriousness of the crime and other circumstances or mitigating factors.

For information on wages, job outlook, and more see:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/mobile/social-workers.htm>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	SWK 102	Basic Helping Skills	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SWK 103	Basic Helping Skills Experience	1

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English

<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 101	English Composition I	or
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 103	English Composition I with Review	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 102	English Composition II	3

Communications

Choose one class

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Math & Statistics

Choose one class

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Natural & Physical Science

Choose one class

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Social & Behavioral Sciences

Choose two classes from different subject areas

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	3
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Arts & Humanities

Choose two classes from different subject areas

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Personal & Professional Behavior

Choose two classes

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