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SOCIAL WORK PROFILE

According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, social work related careers are projected to grow 16 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster average for all occupations. Increased demand for healthcare and social services will drive demand for social workers, but growth will vary by specialization.

Employment of child, family, and school social workers is projected to grow 14 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Child and family social workers will be needed to work with families to strengthen parenting skills, prevent child abuse, and identify alternative homes for children who are unable to live with their biological families. In schools, more social workers will be needed as student enrollments rise. However, employment growth of child, family, and school social workers may be limited by federal, state, and local budget constraints. Employment of healthcare social workers is projected to grow 20 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Healthcare social workers will continue to be needed to help aging populations and their families adjust to new treatments, medications, and lifestyles. Employment of mental health and substance abuse social workers is projected to grow 19 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment will grow as more people seek treatment for mental illness and substance abuse. In addition, drug offenders are increasingly being sent to treatment programs, which are staffed by these social workers, rather than being sent to jail.

[WCSU Social Work](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

RELATED CAREER TITLES

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. They have been taken from the Bureau of [Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) and the [O*Net Online](#). Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at [Candid Career](#), where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.



Health Educators	Community Health Workers
Mental Health Counselors	Marriage and Family Therapist
Probation Officers	Psychologist
Rehabilitation Counselors	School Counselors
Social Service Manager	Social Service Assistant
Substance Abuse Counselor	Behavioral Disorder Counselor
Community Service Manager	Correctional Treatment Specialist

RÉSUMÉ SAMPLES & HELP

For a guide, and list of sample résumés, please visit our virtual résumé tool at <https://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/resumes/>. This is where you will find sample résumés, download our fillable résumés template, and find the cover letter & résumé checklist to ensure you are on the right track. Whether you are applying directly to a person, or an applicant tracking system (ATS), there are things you will need to know for your résumé to be recognized by the company's database. Use the checklist we provide and always proofread for perfection. Remember, your résumés and cover letters are the first writing samples any employer will ever see from you. You need to make sure it is perfect. Don't risk it, and come visit one of our Career Peer Leaders, who can help you. We are available Monday through Friday, either virtually or in person, anytime between 9 am to 5 pm. If you would like information, or to set an appointment, please contact the Career Success Center at careersuccess@wcsu.edu.

JOB SEARCH ENGINE

[Liquid Compass](#)

[Psychology Jobs](#)

[Social Service](#)

[Social Work Guide](#)

[Social Work Job Bank](#)

[The Social Work Career Center](#)

RESEARCH RESOURCES

[Become.org](#)

[College Grad](#)

[Department of Public Health](#)

[Explore Health Careers](#)

[Social Work Dictionary](#)

[Social Work Guide](#)

SALARY INFORMATION

[Salary.com](#)

[Social Work License Map](#)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

Join a professional society or association related to your area of interest.

[Read and understand how to get social work licensure in the state of Connecticut.](#)

Volunteer for WCSU's Vita Program

Volunteer for [Junior Achievement](#) in your community

ASSOCIATIONS

Associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development, opportunities to build credibility and many networking avenues that cannot be found anywhere else. Associations also offer drastically reduced membership rates for current students so NOW is the time to join.

[American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work](#)

[American Clinical Social Work Association](#)

[American Council for School Social Work](#)

[Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors \(BPD\)](#)

[Association of Oncology Social Work](#)

[Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research](#)

[Council on Social Work Education](#)

[Clinical Social Work Association](#)

[International Association for Social Work with Groups](#)

[National Association of Social Workers](#)

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Rural Social Work Caucus

Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care

School Social Work Association of America