

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 Course Sequence

- SEM 1: SOCI 101
- SEM 2: SWK 101
- SEM 3: SWK 102, SWK 103
- SEM 4: SOCI 207

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>

Concentration Requirements 7

- SWK 101 Introduction to Social Work 3
- SWK 102 Basic Helping Skills 3
- SWK 103 Basic Helping Skills Experience 1

Pathway Requirements 36-38

Written Communication

- ENGL 101 English Composition I 3
- ENGL 102 English Composition II 3

Verbal Communication

- COMM 101 Public Speaking 3

Quantitative/Analytic Methods

Choose one class

- _____ 3

Human Experience

Choose one class

- _____ 3

Human Systems/No companion Elements

Choose one class

- _____ 3

Human Systems/Diverse Perspectives

Choose two classes

- _____ 3

- _____ 3

Human Systems/Social Responsibility

- POLS 105 American Government 3

Natural World/Scientific Inquiry

- BIOL 120 General Biology OR
- BIOL 122 Environmental Life Science 5

Wellness Strategies/No Companion Elements

Choose one class

- _____ 1-3

Wellness Strategies/Scientific Inquiry

- PSYC 101 General Psychology 3

General Electives 15-18

- SOCI 201 Marriage & Family 3
- SOCI 203 Social Problems 3
- SOCI 207 Anthropology 3

General Electives

- _____ 3

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