

# **What Can You Do with a Social Work Degree from WTAMU?**

There are two levels of social work degrees offered at WTAMU.

- The BA or BS in Social Work prepares graduates for entry-level generalist practice
- The MSSW prepares graduates to do advanced generalist practice

Both degrees require courses (on campus and online) and a substantial number of hours in a field practicum, serving as an intern under the supervision of licensed social workers.

Social work has a focus of working with vulnerable populations. It also focuses not just on the individual, but on the environment of the person.

Graduates of WTAMU's Social Work Program are eligible to become licensed in most states. In Texas, the bachelor level social work graduates can become LBSWs and the master level social work graduates can become LMSWs.

Social workers work in:	Employed by:	Accomplishing this:
<p>Gerontology/aging</p>	<p>Hospitals and clinics  Rehabilitation clinics  Nursing homes  Senior centers  Area agencies on aging  Senior volunteer centers  Assisted Living facilities  Retirement villages</p>	<p>Working directly with older adults providing counseling, helping them maintain their independence at home; finding resources for income, transportation, food, medicine; and helping them transition to assisted housing facilities. working with families caring for older family members to help them obtain services and make plans for future care.</p>
<p>Children and families services</p>	<p>Adoption agencies  Foster care agencies  Family preservation agencies  Public child welfare organizations (CPS)  Private child welfare organizations  Residential facilities for kids  Services for kids aging out of foster care  Child advocacy centers  Domestic violence shelters</p>	<p>Advocating for children to be in safe and nurturing environments; supporting and strengthening families; linking families to resources to help maintain the family; arranging alternate care if a child must leave the home; facilitating permanent care through adoption if necessary; training kids who are aging out of the foster care system with skills necessary for adult life; helping victims of abuse and abusers to be rehabilitated</p>

<p>Services for people who are needy</p>	<p>Public welfare agencies Private social service agencies Homeless shelters Veteran's agencies Public schools</p>	<p>Helping people who are poor to get emergency resources ; helping needy families to become self-sufficient; helping children have adequate supplies, nutrition and clothing for school; advocating for services for poor people who are disabled, ill, elderly, and homeless</p>
<p>Criminal Justice and Corrections</p>	<p>Juvenile courts Rape crisis centers Police departments Correctional facilities Juvenile facilities Probation departments Victims' assistance programs</p>	<p>Rehabilitating offenders; assisting victims of crime; providing or planning drug and alcohol treatment; therapy to offenders who have been released; arranging services for released offenders; helping victim of domestic abuse and their abusers; assessing juveniles for treatment options</p>
<p>Services for those with developmental disabilities</p>	<p>Community based living facilities State and local agencies Private agencies Medical facilities Schools Mental health facilities Early intervention programs</p>	<p>Assisting people with developmental disabilities to improve their social functioning and social adjustment; Helping parents of children with disabilities to understand their rights and advocate for them</p>
<p>Employee Assistance/Occupational Social Work</p>	<p>Businesses Corporations Employee assistance programs Labor unions</p>	<p>Helping workers with problems that affect job functioning; helping corporations improve morale and productivity; job counseling; helping workers with stress reduction</p>

<p>Health care</p>	<p>Hospitals  Clinics  Rehabilitation Centers  Hospice  Home Health  HMOs  Fertility Clinics  Bariatric Clinics  Cancer centers</p>	<p>Managing the services for patients' recovery after hospitalization; providing education, support, and resources for those undergoing treatment</p>
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<p>Mental Health/Clinical Therapeutic Services</p>	<p>Community mental health centers  Psychiatric hospitals  Day treatment programs  Hospitals  Employee Assistance Programs  University counseling centers  Private practice  Family Service Agencies  Jails and prisons  Veterans Administration</p>	<p>Counseling; helping people find solutions to problems that interfere with their social functioning; helping client understand emotional distress and find effective ways of coping; suicide prevention; helping with addictions;   Many of these positions require the MSSW degree.</p>
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<p>Community Organization and Development</p>	<p>Advocacy organizations  Development corporations  Community action agencies  Neighborhood and community centers  Local, state, and federal government  Associations</p>	<p>Helping groups organize to work on issues that affect the group; leading policy or advocacy organizations; becoming elected officials</p>
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