What to do with a degree in **SOCIAL WORK**

Social Workers are helping professionals using their knowledge, skills, training and life experience to promote: social change, problem solving in human relationships and engage in activities that enhance personal and community well being.

### Key Skills & Knowledge

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### Sample Job Titles

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

- Addictions Counsellor
- Advocacy Project Coordinator
- Art Therapist
- Behaviour Therapist
- Career Specialist
- Case Manager
- Case Worker
- Child Welfare Officer
- Children & Family Counsellor
- City Planner
- Civic Reform Worker
- Clinical Social Worker
- Clinical Supervisor
- Community Access Worker
- Community Outreach Worker
- Court Appointed Advocate
- Detention Care Worker
- Educational Therapist
- Elder Care Worker
- Eligibility Worker
- Equity Employment Officer
- Family Court Counsellor
- Family Enforcement Worker
- Grant Writer
- Group Facilitator
- Hospice Worker
- Human Resources Recruiter
- Human Rights Spokesperson
- In-Home Support Worker
- Intake Counsellor
- Labour Relations Specialist
- Life Skills Coach
- Lobbyist
- Parenting Coach
- Parole / Probation Officer
- Rape Crisis Counsellor
- Recreation Therapist
- Relief Counsellor
- Research Assistant
- School Social Worker
- Senior Resource Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Veteran’s Affairs Coordinator
- Victim Services Worker
- Violence Prevention Coordinator
- Vocational Evaluator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth Worker

### Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. [Request an assessment via CareerLink](mailto:CareerLink)
Potential Fields

Aboriginal Band Councils
Community Agencies
Community Health Teams
Correctional Services & Agencies
Counseling Agencies (Children, Youth, Family)
Crisis Centres
Employee Assistance
Programs
Government
Health Care
Homelessness
Immigration & Cross Cultural
Services
International Social Work
Non-Profits & NGOs
Residential Settings
School Boards / Education
Shelters

Associations & Professional Development

Alberta College of Social Workers: [www.acsw.ab.ca/](http://www.acsw.ab.ca/)
The Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW) represents the social work profession in Alberta. It supports membership activities that promote skilled and ethical social work practice such as annual conferences.

The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) was founded in 1926 after discussion at the 1924 American National Conference of Social Work in Toronto. At this meeting several Canadian social workers discussed the need for a Canadian professional social work association.

Emerging Health Leaders (EHL) Calgary: [emerginghealthleaders.ca/calgary/](http://emerginghealthleaders.ca/calgary/)
Emerging Health Leaders (EHL) Calgary works to promote excellence in health leadership by providing future health leaders the opportunity to network, learn and be mentored.

International Federation of Social Work: [www.ifsw.org/](http://www.ifsw.org/)
The International Federation of Social Work (IFSW) is a global federation of national organisations of social workers (unions or associations). It is striving for social justice, human rights and social development through the development of social work, best practices and international cooperation between social workers and their professional organisations.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 145,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

Career Services

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Job Boards

ReachHire: [www.reachire.ca/](http://www.reachire.ca/)
Indeed: [www.indeed.ca](http://www.indeed.ca)
LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)
CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

Student Clubs

- Social work Students’ Association (SWSA): [fsw.ucalgary.ca/home/social-work-students-association-swsa-calgary](http://fsw.ucalgary.ca/home/social-work-students-association-swsa-calgary)

Books & Publications

- 101 Careers in Social Work by Jessica Ritter, Halaevalu F. Vakalahi and Marcy Kiernan-Stern
- Careers in Social Work by Leon H. Ginsberg
- Profitable Careers in Non-Profit by Krannich IiRon

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Aligned Majors:
Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies
Nursing
Psychology
Sociology