

SOCIAL WORK, B.S.W.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Greater Allegheny

Career Paths

Social workers work in a variety of settings, including mental health clinics, schools, child welfare, human service agencies, hospitals, group homes, community development corporations, and private practices. Advocacy is an important aspect of the social work profession. Social workers advocate or raise awareness with and on behalf of their clients and the profession on local, state, and national levels. Overall employment of social workers in the United States is projected to grow 12 percent from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations. Nearly 78,300 openings for social workers are projected each year, on average, over the next 10 years.

(U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Social work students who earn a BSW degree from accredited Council on Social Work Education programs may be eligible for advanced standing in MSW degree programs. With advanced standing, graduate social work students can earn an MSW degree in less than one year in select programs.

Professional Resources

- National Association of Social Workers (<https://www.socialworkers.org/>)
- National Association of Social Workers - Pennsylvania Chapter (<https://www.nasw-pa.org>)
- Association of Social Work Boards (<https://www.aswb.org>)
- Society for Social Work and Research (<https://sswr.org>)
- Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers
- Licensed Bachelor Social Worker (LBSW)
- State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Navigator (pa.gov) (<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/departments-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/social-workers-marriage-family-therapists-professional-counselors/resources-and-documents>)