Social Work
IU School of Social Work

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The School of Social Work helps you to be an effective and knowledgeable professional social worker who is prepared for practice in the twenty-first century. As a social worker, you will assist with alleviating poverty, oppression, and discrimination. You will enhance the quality of life for all people, particularly Indiana citizens, and the advancement of social, political, and economic conditions through excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. Within the context of a diverse, multicultural, urbanized, global society, the school prepares you to shape solutions to a wide range of interpersonal and social problems.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: problem solving, critical thinking, relationship building, and research (IU School of Social Work, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017), the social work profession is expected to grow by 12% between 2014 and 2024. Employment growth will be driven by increased demand for mental health, healthcare and social services, but will vary by specialty. The job growth for social and community service managers is projected to grow 10% through the year 2024.

Salary Information
The average starting salary for IU School of Social Work graduates from IUPUI was $34,592 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for graduates who studied social work was $50,500 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).
(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Social work majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Social Work, Law, Public Health, Organizational Leadership, Education, Guidance Counseling, and Counseling.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Social Work
ES 4143A
317-278-0739
iupui.socialwork.iu.edu

National Association of Social Workers
socialworkers.org

Bachelor of Social Work Association at IUPUI
socialwork.iupui.edu/BSW

Sample Coursework:
- Understanding diversity
- Intro to social work
- History of social welfare policy
- Community behavior and practice
- Social work research
- Child and adolescent psychology
- Field experience

Possible Careers:
- Adoption Welfare
- Case Manager/Coordinator
- Counselor*
- Grant Writer
- Nonprofit program coordinator
- Policymaker
- Researcher

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?
- Aspire Indiana
- Centerstone
- Community Health Network
- Eskenazi Health
- Indiana Department of Child Services
- Veteran affairs

Complementing Interests:

Social  Enterprising  Conventional

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