

# What you can do with your **SOCIAL WELFARE MAJOR**



## Major Skills:



### Advocacy

You advocate on behalf of individuals, families, communities, and organizations by making effective and supportive arguments and building coalitions.



### Problem Solving

You analyze solutions to global social problems and make recommendations that promote the greater good.



### Equity and Inclusivity

You connect awareness of the self, systems, and social welfare knowledge to promote justice, equity, and inclusion and guard against biases; promote anti-oppressive practices.



### Critical Thinking

You recognize human differences, considering a variety of evidence, and how social welfare systems interact with these differences to shape opportunities and outcomes for individuals, groups, and communities.



### Critical Self-Reflection

You practice critical self-reflection of one's values, beliefs, and biases regarding the causes and consequences of social welfare issues.



### Research

You are critical and thoughtful consumers of research, use evidence to support arguments, and explain information clearly and concisely.



### Written & Oral Communication

You synthesize ideas and effectively communicate them verbally, visually, and in writing.

## Supplement Your Skills With Experience In:



Career and Self-Development



Study Abroad, Internships, Volunteering, Job-Shadowing & Part-Time Work



Leadership & Teamwork



Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion



Service-Learning and Certificate Programs

## Chart Your Path Forward

### Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

### Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

### Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

**Get Started: [successworks.wisc.edu](https://successworks.wisc.edu)**

# Put your Social Welfare major to **WORK**

## Frequent Alumni Job Titles:

1. Social Worker
2. Chief Executive Officer
3. Employment Specialist
4. Executive Director
5. Human Resources Consultant
6. Realtor
7. Teacher
8. Admissions Director
9. Community Services Director
10. Director of Development
11. Director of Social Services
12. Manager
13. Business Owner
14. Project Manager
15. Psychotherapist
16. Registered Nurse
17. School Counselor
18. Access Control Specialist
19. Professor

## Top Employers of Alumni:

1. UW-Madison
2. UW Health
3. Agrace
4. University of Chicago
5. US Department of Veterans Affairs
6. UW-Madison Department of Medicine
7. Care Wisconsin
8. Chrysalis Inc.
9. Dakota County
10. Denver Health

## Additional Employers:

- UW Credit Union
- First Weber
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Yahara House (Journey Mental Health Center)
- Alaska USA Mortgage Company
- Abby Realty

## Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:

- 51%** Employment
- 46%** Continuing Education or Grad School
- 3%** Other

## Industry of Employment 2016-2021:

1. Healthcare
2. Education
3. Non-profit
4. Research
5. Government
6. Human Resources
7. Retail
8. Services
9. Automotive
10. Hospitality

## Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 49%** Wisconsin
- 10%** Illinois
- 5%** Minnesota
- 5%** California
- 4%** New York
- 27%** Other



"Majoring in Social Welfare was the foundation for everything that I have accomplished professionally. While I was majoring in Social Welfare, I was not aware of the endless possibilities it would offer me. Today, I can look back with gratitude for my education in this field."

**Gretchen Selzer Zagzebski, 2013**  
Owner, Psychotherapist, Vernal Wellness, PLLC  
Northbrook, IL



"My Social Welfare major taught me how to connect with people in a real way. From listening and hearing what it is they really need, to connecting them to the appropriate resources."

**Venus Washington-Ross, 2008**  
Fitness Entrepreneur, Venus Inspires & Madison Elite Track Club Inc.  
Madison, WI

## Career Communities for Social Welfare Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources, and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Social Welfare majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit [SuccessWorks](#) to explore more widely.

- Healthcare & Human Services
- Non-Profit Management & Education
- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations

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