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# What Do

# Social Workers Do?



- Foster care and adoption
- Probation and parole services
- Youth offender services
- Victim assistance
- Employee hiring, retention, and retirement
- Working with older adults
- Improving conditions for low-income populations
- Planning and developing community programs
- Providing academic services in schools
- Working with developmentally disabled
- Drug or alcohol addiction treatment
- Counseling and therapy for individuals and families
- Developing programs that promote healthy living
- And much more!

# Occupation Outlook

## The field of social work



- As of 2020, 713,200 social workers nationally
  - 342,500 child, family, and school social workers
  - 185,000 healthcare social workers
  - 123,200 mental health and substance abuse social workers
  - 62,500 social workers in other fields
- Expected growth of 13% through 2029, which is above the average for all occupation
  - Only 4% for all other occupations
- Take the quiz to find the field of social work best suited for you!
  - [What type of social worker will you be?](#)

# Occupation Outlook

## Child, family, and school social worker



Provide assistance to improve the functioning of children & their families. May assist single parents, arrange adoptions, find foster homes for abandoned or abused children. In schools, they address such problems as teenage pregnancy, misbehavior, & truancy. May also advise teachers.

**Average Annual Salary** → \$40,994    **Experienced Annual Salary** → \$56,226



# Occupation Outlook

## Health care social worker

Provide individuals, families, & groups w/ psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute, or terminal illness. Services include advising family caregivers, provide patients with information, counseling, and make referrals for other services. May also provide case and care management or interventions designed to promote health, prevent disease, and address barriers to access to healthcare.

**Average Annual Salary** → \$49,910    **Experienced Annual Salary** → \$65,599

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About Us



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# Social Work at WKU

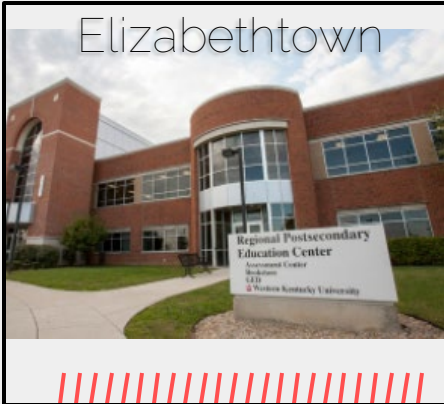
Bowling Green



Online



Elizabethtown



## Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program

- Since 1974, accredited 1978
- Currently >200 SWRK majors/minors; BSW @ Bowling Green, Elizabethtown/Fort Knox, Owensboro, and Online (starting in Fall 2021!)

## Master of Social Work (MSW) program

- Since 2004
- Full-time, Part-Time, Advanced Standing, Online (get your Master's degree in 8 months!)

# Training to Become A Professional Social Worker

## Courses

- Cultural competence
- Human behavior in the social environment
- Practice with individuals, groups, communities, and organizations
- Case management
- Research methods/program evaluation
- Policy practice
- Plus 4x electives

## Fall and Spring Admissions

- Fall: 4 semesters to complete
- Spring: 5 semesters to complete



- 400-hour **internship** in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters
  - At local agency in area of interest
  - Under supervision of professional social worker

# Prerequisites for SWRK Major

- ✓ SWRK 101 (must pass with a “C”)
- ✓ ENG 100
- ✓ STATISTICS (SOCL 300, MATH 183, or in another discipline; or can take SWRK 344 [Summer Only]; or STA 220 from KCTCS) (required no later than the end of the first semester following admission to the program)
- ✓ BIO 113 or 120 or 131
- ✓ PSY or PSYS 100/220 AND SOCL 100/AGRI 108\*
- ✓ PS 110 AND ECON 150/202/203\*

\*One for admission; **BOTH** are required no later than the end of the first semester following admission to the program

# Admission Criteria and Process

- ✓ Attain sophomore standing at time of admission
- ✓ Completion of prerequisites (see previous slide)
- ✓ **GPA 2.5 or higher**
- ✓ Write a personal/Professional Statement
- ✓ Complete application
- ✓ Sign off on NASW Code of Ethics agreement
- ✓ Sign off on BSW Student Handbook agreement
- ✓ Submit application online by deadline:
  - ✓ Spring: November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ✓ Fall: April 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ BSW Program may request an interview

# Tuition Rates

## 2022-2023 estimates

- **On campus** = \$5,556 per semester or \$11,112 per AY\*
- **Online** = Students enrolled exclusively in distance learning courses will be assessed the distance learning per hour rate (\$551/hour) regardless of the number of hours enrolled.

\*Rates subject to change each academic year



# Social Work Minor (21 hours)

1. SWRK 101
2. SWRK 300: Diversity & Social Welfare (Local to Global)
3. SWRK 301: Cultural Competence
4. SWRK 330: Human Behavior
5. SWRK 357: Case Management
6. SWRK elective (3-hour)
7. SWRK elective (3-hour)

Note: The BSW Program Director advises the social work minors.



Training

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# Field Internships



A D A N T A  
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER



**LifeSkills, Inc.**  
Premium Healthcare Services



Communicare



**Wendell Foster**  
Empowering People With Disabilities



Hardin Memorial Health



**Alliance**  
*Counseling Associates*



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF AMERICA



**Hospice**  
of Southern Kentucky, Inc.



**The**  
**Medical**  
**Center**



Note. This is a partial list of approx. 200 potential field agencies.



# Public Child Welfare Certification Program (PCWCP)

## Benefits

- Up to four semesters of tuition (in-state rate)
- Stipend for four semesters
- Employment with DCBS upon completion of the BSW and PCWCP (consistent with state personnel requirements)

## Obligations

- Enter into a contractual agreement with the Cabinet for Health & Family Services
- List 10 counties in which you are willing to intern/become employed
- Apply for employment within specified time frame

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# DCBS Co-Op/Intern Program

## Paid Internship!

### Benefits\*:

- \$15/hr (up to 37.5 hrs/wk)
- Meet and work with specialists and experts in child protection services
- May lead to full time job

### Must be:

- Enrolled full-time
- In good standing
- GPA  $\geq$  2.50
- Sponsored by BSW program

\*No obligation to work for DCBS after graduation;  
can also complete Co-Op Intern Program while in an MSW program in Kentucky

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Other  
Opportunities



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# Other Opportunities

## SOCIAL WORK STUDENT UNION



**NABSW**  
National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc.



**PHI ALPHA**

(National honor society for social workers)

# LifeSkills Center for Child Welfare Education & Research (LCCWEAR)



- An applied research center that seeks to find solutions to chronic conditions that negatively impact Kentucky's families and children.
- Students contribute in five key areas:
  - 1) education and training, 2) workforce development, 3) policy and advocacy, 4) collaboration and partnerships, and 5) family and child well-being



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# Study Abroad/ Study Away

- Explore the field
- Explore new places and different perspectives
- Personal and professional development
- Develop confidence when working with others
- Networking



# Scholarships



<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Brenda Bush Scholarship</b>
<b>Varies</b>	<b>BSW Scholarship</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>GO Global Scholarship</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Jennifer and Karl Miller Scholarship</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Reverend H. Dudley Moseley Scholarship</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Kindred Spirit Scholarship</b>

# CONNECT WITH US

## Questions?

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