## Health Career Observer



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#### Social Worker

Social work is an academic and professional field focused on improving the well-being of people's everyday lives at both an individual and community level. Those with careers in this discipline may work in a variety of settings, including health care, education, mental health, substance abuse, and more. The root of social work is helping and rehabilitating people. By furthering your education, you are giving yourself a chance to advance or complete your licensure to practice social work in more sectors such as health care, academia, government institutions, and more.

Average Annual Pay: \$50,500 USD



### How do I become a Social Worker?

Projected Job Market Growth: 12% increase by 2032 A Bachelor in Social Work degree is required to begin entry-level work. A social work degree can be completed at a traditional four-year institution and options exist for students who prefer to complete their degrees online. Completing a Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree allows more career opportunities in the social work field. Contact WNY R-AHEC for more information regarding various social work careers and educational requirements.

#### What does a Social Worker Do?

There are many career paths in social work, some including.....



- Therapist or counselor
- · Medical social worker
- School social worker
- Hospice social worker
- Community outreach worker
- Human services specialist



- Rehabilitation Case Worker
- Social Services
- Behavioral management aide
- Substance abuse counselors
- Foster care social worker
- Probation officer



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