Career Outlook 2018: Social Work

Social Work Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Social Work (B.S.)  Minor: Chemical Dependency

Certificate: Alcohol and Drug Counselor; School Social Work Preparation and Licensure

Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/social_work

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that social workers held about 682,100 jobs in 2016. Although most social workers are employed in cities or suburbs, some work in rural areas. Employment by type of social worker, in 2016, included: Child, family and school social workers—317,600; and Mental health and substance abuse social workers—123,900. Licensed social workers have a broad array of career options: County human services - child welfare, adults, elderly; Community nonprofit organizations – youth, families, women, ethnic groups, elderly; Schools – special education, chemical dependency, mental health counseling; Medical – hospitals, hospice, clinics, long term care; Criminal justice – probation, juvenile centers, truancy intervention; Elderly – nursing homes, adult day centers, senior centers; Chemical dependency – in-patient, out-patient, half-way houses, prevention; Mental health centers – in-home, counseling, case management; Tribal social services; Social justice and action; Services for the developmentally disabled.

OOH reports that the national demand for social workers is expected to grow much faster than average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $28,800 and $78,510 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $46,890 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Social Work graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2015-2016 Social Work graduates, 93.1% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the number of 2015-2016 graduates with the Alcohol & Drug Counselor Occupational Certificate, 100% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES*:

Arc United
Bagley School District
Cass County Health Veteran Services
Fairview Range
Island Lake First Nations Family Service
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
McLeod County
Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
Evergreen Youth & Family Services
Northwestern MN Juvenile Center
Red River Valley Community Action
University of Denver
Valhalla Place

Housing Access Services Coordinator
Director of Indian Education
Social Worker
Behavioral Health Social Worker
Federal CFS Worker
Mental Health Practitioner
Chemical Dependency Social Worker
Community Support Specialist
Social Worker
Corrections Worker
Social Worker
Research Assistant
Drug and Alcohol Counselor

Bemidji, MN
Bagley, MN
Walker, MN
Hibbing, MN
Winnipeg, MB
Cass Lake, MN
Glencoe, MN
North St. Paul, MN
Bemidji, MN
Bemidji, MN
Grand Forks, ND
Denver, CO
Woodbury, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BSU SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- University of Denver, Denver, CO
- College Of Saint Scholastica, Duluth, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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