

Career Outlook 2019: 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 \$25,560 and \$79,740 per year. The median pay for 2017 was \$47,980 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 2016-2017 Social Work graduates, 83.3% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the number of 2016-2017 graduates with the Alcohol & Drug Counselor Occupational Certificate, 83.3% 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*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Beltrami County Health & Human Services	Child Protection Social Worker	Bemidji, MN
Bi-Cap YouthBuild	Life Skills Specialist	Bemidji, MN
Cornerstone	Civil/Criminal Justice Intervention	Bloomington, MN
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation	Addiction Counselor	St. Paul, MN
Jewish Family Service	Disability Services Case Manager	St. Paul, MN
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Case Manager	Cass Lake, MN
Martin Luther Care Center	Licensed Social Worker	Bloomington, MN
North Homes	Youth Counselor	Bemidji, MN
Pinnacle Services	Case Manager	Minneapolis, MN
Rise Inc.	Activity Specialist	Mounds View, MN
Sauk Rapids-Rice Public Schools	Licensed Social Worker	Sauk Rapids, MN
Schoolcraft Learning Community	Special Education Paraprofessional	Bemidji, MN
The Salvation Army	Case Manager	Willmar, MN
Upper Mississippi Mental Health	Licensed Social Worker	Bemidji, MN
Walsh County Social Services	Child and Family Services Worker	Grafton, ND

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

- University of MN Duluth, Duluth, MN
- Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, MN

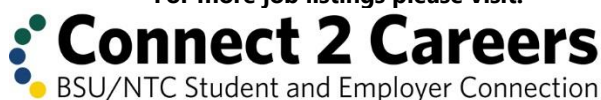
*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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