

# Career Outlook: Social Work

## **Social Work Programs Available at Bemidji State University:**

**Major:** Social Work (B.S.) **Minor:** Substance and Behavior Addictions

**Certificate:** Addictions

**Department Website:** [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/social\\_work](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/social_work)

### **EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:**

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that social workers held about 713,200 jobs in 2019. Employment by type of social worker, in 2019, included: Child, family and school social workers—342,500; Healthcare social workers—185,000 and Mental health and substance abuse social workers—123,200. 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 13% (much faster than average) through 2029, with people established in their career generally earning between \$31,790 and \$82,540 per year. The median pay for 2019 was \$50,470 per year.

### **PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES:**

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Social Work graduates. Of the 45 Bemidji State University 2018-2019 Social Work graduates, 86.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the 7 2018-2019 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\*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)**

7th Judicial District	Guardian ad Litem	Detroit Lakes, MN
Beltrami County Human Services	Child Protective Services Social Worker	Bemidji, MN
Castle Elementary	Behavioral Intervention Specialist	Oakdale, MN
Department of Human Services	Certified Children, Youth, & Family Services	Colorado Springs, CO
Lakeland Mental Health Center	Adult Services Practitioner	Moorhead, MN
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Case Manager	Cass Lake, MN
Main Street Family Services	Social Worker	Elk River, MN
New Visions Center	Drug and Alcohol Counselor	Alexandria, MN
North Homes Children and Family Services	Mental Health Practitioner	Grand Rapids, MN
Red Lake Family and Children Services	Manager	Red Lake, MN
Villa at Osseo	Licensed Social Worker	Osseo, MN
White Earth Substance Abuse Program	Alcohol and Drug Counselor Level 2	Duluth, MN

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

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Millikin University, Decatur, IL
- St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
- University of Mary, Bismarck, ND
- University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN
- University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

\*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.

#### **Bibliography:**

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- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). U.S. Dept. of Labor, JIST Publishing Inc., Indianapolis, IN (2020)

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# GRAD STATS

FROM STUDENTS SURVEYED ONE YEAR POST-GRADUATION

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## TOP EMPLOYERS

1. SANFORD HEALTH
2. BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
3. ESSENTIA HEALTH
4. LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
5. SCHOOLCRAFT LEARNING COMMUNITY
6. ATHLOS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
7. CLIFTONLARSONALLEN
8. NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
9. RED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
10. ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM
11. BEMIDJI MIDDLE SCHOOL
12. FAIRVIEW HEALTH SERVICES
13. MAYO CLINIC
14. PARK RAPIDS AREA SCHOOLS
15. WANZEK CONSTRUCTION

87.7% OF

1,191

TOTAL GRADUATE AWARDS WHO RESPONDED

\*95.4%

EMPLOYED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

\*89.7%

EMPLOYED IN A RELATED FIELD WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

15.8%

ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION



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