

Career Outlook: Social Work

Social Work Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Social Work (B.S.) **Minor:** Addictions **Certificate:** Addictions

Department Website: <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/social-work/>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that social workers held about 715,600 jobs in 2020. Employment by type of social worker, in 2020, included: child, family and school social workers—335,300; healthcare social workers—184,900 and mental health and substance abuse social workers—124,000. 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 people with disabilities.

OOH reports that the national demand for social workers is expected to grow 12% (faster than average) through 2030, with people established in their career generally earning between \$33,020 and \$85,820 per year. The median pay for 2020 was \$51,760 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Social Work graduates. Of the 35 Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Social Work graduates, 91.3% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the six 2019-2020 graduates with the Alcohol & Drug Counselor 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.)

Beltrami County Social Services	Social Worker	Bemidji, MN
Bemidji Area Program for Recovery	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Bemidji, MN
Bemidji High School	Re-Engagement Case Manager	Bemidji, MN
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School	Children's Therapeutic Support Services	Bena, MN
Compassion Treatment	LADC	Detroit Lakes, MN
Lakewood Health System	Licensed Social Worker	Staples, MN
Leech Lake Child Welfare	Family Preservation Caseworker	Cass Lake, MN
Leech Lake Reservation	Case Manager	Cass Lake, MN
MN Addiction Wellness Center	Alcohol and Drug Counselor-temp	Bemidji, MN
North Homes Children and Family Services	CTSS Mental Health Practitioner	Bemidji, MN
Northwood Children's Services	Social Worker	Duluth, MN
Touching Hearts at Home	Home Care & Networking Manager	Bemidji, MN

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

Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN	The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (x2)	University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN
The College of St. 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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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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