

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 708,100 jobs in 2021. Employment by type of social worker, in 2021, included: child, family and school social workers—349,800; healthcare social workers—179,500 and mental health and substance abuse social workers—119,800. 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 9% (faster than average) through 2031, with people established in their career generally earning between \$36,520 and \$82,840 per year. The median pay for 2021 was \$50,390 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Social Work graduates. Of the 33 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Social Work graduates, 100% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the three 2020-2021 graduates with the Addictions 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.)

Comm. Support SRV - Hope House	Certified Peer Specialist I	Bemidji, MN
Evergreen Youth & Family Services	Victim Advocate	Bemidji, MN
Evergreen Youth & Family Services	Independent Living Skills Case Manager	Bemidji, MN
Grafton Public Schools	School Social Worker	Grafton, MN
Hazelden Betty Ford	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Center City, MN
Inter County Community Council	Social Worker	Oklee, MN
Lac Qui Parle County Family Services	Adult Services Social Worker	Madison, MN
Leech Lake Child Welfare	Social Worker	Cass Lake, MN
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	House Coordinator	Bemidji, MN
Lutheran Social Services	Social Worker	Walker, MN
Ombimindwaa Gidinawemaaganinaadog	Social Worker	Red Lake, MN
Red Lake Child and Family Services	Social Worker	Red Lake, MN

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

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN	University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	Winona State University, Winona, MN
St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN	Winona State University-Rochester Center, Rochester, MN
University of Minnesota-Duluth, 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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<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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