Career Outlook: Social Work

Social Work Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

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 649,300 jobs, in 2014. Although most social workers are employed in cities or suburbs, some work in rural areas. Employment by type of social worker, in 2014, included: Child, family and school social workers—286,520; and Mental health and substance abuse social workers—109,460. 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 faster than average through 2024, with people established in their career generally earning between $28,240 and $75,850 per year. The median pay for 2014 was $45,500 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 2013-2014 Social Work graduates, 95.8% 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.)

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<td>Resident Manager/Family Advocate</td>
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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BSU SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

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*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, please contact the Career Services Office in Decker Hall or call us at 218-755-2038 or toll free at 800-657-3726. For more job listings please visit:

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/
BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY 2013-2014 GRAD STATS
CONNECTING STUDENTS TO CAREERS

87.01% of 1,042 total graduates who responded are employed in a related field. 91.5% are employed. 10.5% are continuing their education.

85.7% jobs found in Minnesota.

Top Employers:
- Sanford Health
- Bemidji School District
- Bemidji State University
- Natrona School District
- Park Rapids School District
- Essentia Health
- Target
- CliftonLarsonAlmen
- Blattner Energy
- Bagley School District
- Osseo School District
- NW MN Juvenile Center
- Alexandria School District
- Bemidji Axemen
- Knife River Materials

Career Services

Grad stats for 2013-2014 can be found at: www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/graduate_followup/

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