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I AM THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK

What do I need to know?

Social Workers are strong advocates for their clients, patients, and communities. They care about other people and want to help them better their lives. Social Workers help individuals, groups and entire communities in positions like

- **Foster care caseworker**
- **Probation officer**
- **Substance abuse counselor**
- **Domestic violence advocate**
- **Medical social worker**
- **Mental health worker**

A Bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) from an accredited school of social work will allow you to work in many settings: hospitals, schools, courtrooms, nursing homes, prisons, classrooms, group homes, transplants centers, residential programs for substance abuse, libraries, even the White House! **Social Workers are found anywhere people are in need or in crisis.**

A career in Social Work will not only provide you variety and flexibility, it is a **rewarding, stable profession.** Employment opportunities in the next decade are **projected to grow much faster** than the average for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT PRE-SOCIAL WORK?

Pre-Social Work at Jefferson College

Completing an **Associate of Arts in Pre-Social Work at Jefferson College** will help you transfer smoothly to a college or university with an **accredited Social Work program.** While completing your general education classes, as a Pre-Social Work student you will also take **degree-specific courses** such as

- **Introduction to Social Work**
- **Marriage and Family**
- **Alcohol, Drugs, and Society**
- **Human Diversity**
- **Social Problems**
- **Social Work Lab**

As a **Pre-Social Work student**, you will **receive individualized advising** for help with choosing classes, exploring transfer institutions, and investigating career opportunities. Your coursework will include **case studies**, exploration of the **core values and ethical principles** of social work, and a lab class that includes **visits to community agencies.**

To learn more about classes, careers, and transfer options, go to jeffco.edu/academics/programsdepartments/social-work.

When you're ready to **get started**, contact the Pre-Social Work Program Coordinator, **Suzie Welch, MSW, LCSW** at (636) 481-3435 or swelch1@jeffco.edu.

HOW DO I BECOME A SOCIAL WORKER?



Social Workers need a **Bachelor's degree in Social Work** from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). **Jefferson College has transfer agreements** with multiple CSWE-Accredited Schools of Social Work. An Associate of Arts Pre-Social Work gives you the core knowledge, credits, and foundation you need to be accepted and succeed in a Bachelor's program.

After completing a Bachelor's degree, you can begin working in the profession. These four-year degrees **open many opportunities** within the field. You can also choose to continue your education, often while working as a Social Worker. Graduate degrees in this major include the **Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)** and the **Doctorate in Social Work (D.S.W.) or PhD.** An MSW is required if you want to provide therapy.

For more information about Accredited Schools of Social Work, go to the **CSWE.org website**, or check out our **Social Work Program page at jeffco.edu.**