



Social Work Careers

Social workers help people deal with a wide range of problems. They help individuals and families cope with mental illness and problems such as inadequate housing, unemployment, lack of job skills, financial mismanagement, serious illness, disability, substance abuse, unwanted pregnancy or antisocial behavior. They also work with families who have serious conflicts, including those involving child or spousal abuse. Through direct counseling, social workers help clients identify their concerns, consider solutions and find resources. Often, social workers provide concrete information such as where to go for debt counseling, how to find child care or elder care, how to apply for public assistance or other benefits or how to get an alcoholic or drug addict admitted to a rehabilitation program. Social workers may also arrange for services in consultation with clients and then follow through to assure the services are helpful.

Most social workers specialize in a clinical field such as child welfare and family services, mental health or school social work. Clinical social workers offer psychotherapy or counseling and a range of services in public agencies, in clinics and in private practice. Other types of social workers are: Social workers in child welfare or family services may counsel parents on how to care for disabled children or to arrange for services during a family member's illness; in child or adult protective services they investigate reports of abuse; in mental health they provide group therapy, outreach services, intervention and rehabilitation; in health care they help patients and families cope with the affects of chronic, acute or terminal illness; in schools they diagnose problems with children and counsel children and help the disabled to be accommodated; in criminal justice they make recommendations and provide services for inmates and families; in occupational social work they work within a corporation's personnel or health unit; and yet others focus on the needs of the elderly.

Job Outlook

Employment of social workers is expected to increase faster than the average for all occupations through 2010. The elderly population is increasing rapidly, creating greater demand for health and social services, resulting in particularly rapid job growth among gerontology social workers. Social workers also will be needed to help the large baby-boom generation deal with depression and mental health concerns stemming from mid-life, career, or other personal and professional difficulties. In addition, continuing concern about crime, juvenile delinquency, and services for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, the physically disabled, AIDS patients, and individuals and families in crisis will spur demand for social workers.

Earnings

Median annual earnings of child, family, and school social workers were \$31,470 in 2000. The middle 50 percent earned between \$24,910 and \$40,170. Median earnings for medical and public health social workers were \$34,790 in 2000. The middle 50 percent earned between \$27,800 and \$43,450. Median earnings for mental health and substance abuse social workers were \$30,170 in 2000. The middle 50 percent earned between \$23,840 and \$39,190.

Related Careers

Human Services

LCCC Has The Programs!

LCCC offers two programs in social work. We offer an associate of arts degree (with an emphasis in social work), and an associate of applied science degree in human services. These programs may be completed in two years of full-time study. For more information on educational opportunities in social work at LCCC, see the reverse side of this sheet.

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Educational Opportunities in Social Work at LCCC

Associate of Arts

The associate of arts is for students who want to pursue bachelor's degrees in social work by completing the first two or more years at LCCC. Students completing the associate of arts degree may transfer with junior (or higher) standing to the four-year university or college of their choice. The associate of arts is intended for students who wish to complete the first two or more years of a bachelor's degree program at LCCC in a program field such as:

- Social Work

Students may also select the associate of arts degree if they wish to complete the first two or more years of a bachelor's degree program at LCCC in program fields such as fine art, computer art, graphic design, business, history, music, political science, sociology, psychology, theater, urban studies, elementary education and secondary education.

There are virtually no limitations to the programs that can be pursued as LCCC can customize associate of arts programs to meet the transfer college/university's requirements. The associate of arts program may be completed in two years, if taken on a full-time basis. Many LCCC students choose to study on a part-time basis.

Related Educational Opportunities at LCCC

- Associate of applied science in human services

Educational Opportunities through LCCC's University Partnership

Youngstown State University

Bachelor of Social Work

A baccalaureate degree in social work from an accredited degree program qualifies a person to apply for licensing in the state of Ohio. Students who wish to transfer to Youngstown State University to complete the bachelor of social work degree must be in good standing with at least a 2.0 or higher accumulated grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The formal admission of students into the Program takes into account general education requirements and required support courses, as well as criteria established by full-service faculty in the YSU Department of Social Work.

Master of Health and Human Services

The master of health and human services and certificate in health care management is a collaborative program between the College of Health and Human Services and the Williamson College of Business Administration. The program accommodates students from health and human service professions who require the skills and abilities for supervisory/managerial positions or who desire competence in health promotion. The program is structured as a weekend-college program with classes offered Friday evenings and on Saturday during the day. After completion of an academic core of course work, students may concentrate in either health promotion or administration for health and human service professions.

Certificate in Health Care Management

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About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center in Lorain, Brunswick and the Wellington Center. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 30 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 40 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Lorain Learning Center, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington and in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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