Social Work
Allied Health Guide

“Allied health encompasses a broad group of health professionals who use scientific principles and evidence-based practice for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic diseases, promote disease prevention and wellness for optimum health, and apply administration and management skills to support health care systems in a variety of settings.” Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions (ASAHP, 2021)

*Explore Allied Health Professions*

**WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?**

Social work, also referred to as social welfare, encompasses a wide range of occupations and services that work to protect vulnerable populations and provide services to individuals of all ages and backgrounds during times of crisis or need. Social workers can serve in a variety of ways ranging from advocacy work to providing therapy for clients. They take expert knowledge of crisis intervention to help create and implement a plan of action to ensure client’s well-being. Individuals with a certification in social work have a wide range of career options within their diverse field.

**ADVANCED DEGREES**

- Master’s Degree in Social Work (MSW)
- Doctorate of Social Work (DSW)
- PhD in Social Work

**UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK***

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- Sociology
- Psychology
- Ethics
- Political Science
- Public Health

*This list covers the most frequently required prerequisites. Please see individual program websites for exact requirement information.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Social Worker License Map (Requirements by State)
- Allied Health Professional Associations for Students

**ONEHOP ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUMNI GROUP**

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**ADVANCED DEGREE REQUIREMENTS***

- References (Academic, Professional, Therapy)
- GRE Scores (*this requirement varies greatly across programs)
- Personal Statement

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**SOCIAL WORK ALLIED HEALTH GUIDE**

**GET CURIOUS**

**TALK TO PEOPLE**

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

**TAKE ACTION**

**POTENTIAL WORKPLACE SETTINGS TO EXPLORE**

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Outpatient clinics
- Private practice
- Acute care facilities
- Industrial environments
- Rehabilitation clinics
- Community settings
- Mental health facilities
- Homes
- Government settings

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