



SOCIAL WORK INCLUDES CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EDUCATION, AND NON-PROFITS HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE, ADVOCACY FOR CAUSES, AND AGENCIES SERVING WHOLE POPULATIONS; HELPING FAMILIES AND PROTECTING CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE PEOPLE. THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION HAS A STRONG ETHICAL CORE THAT EMPHASIZES SOCIAL JUSTICE.

CENTRE PREPARES YOU TO SUCCEED

At Centre you'll get a great all-around education: first-rate teachers, first-rate facilities, and small classes that emphasize challenging and personal attention. Centre College is the #1 college in Kentucky and remains among the best in the nation, according to the 2018 America's Top Colleges ranking by Forbes magazine. A Centre education gives you skills in analysis, critical thinking, and oral and written communication—abilities that enable you to get into leading graduate schools, do well in your professional studies, and establish a successful career.

Centre's size means our teachers get to know you both as a student and as a person. This enables them to give good advice about advanced study and enables them to write detailed, effective letters of recommendation in support of your application to professional schools.

THE PROFESSION

Clinical social workers work with individuals, married couples, and whole families to help them function better. School

social workers help students deal with issues at home that impede their success in school. Hospitals and the military employ many social workers. Non-profit organizations and government agencies that deal with large-scale issues of social welfare employ social workers, especially when dealing with populations from minority cultures.

WHAT DO PRE-SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS MAJOR IN?

Popular majors for social work students are sociology and psychology, but any liberal arts field can be good preparation. Centre's pre-social work advising emphasizes planning for a career in helping others, from front-line assistance to those in immediate need, to running agencies that serve the whole nation, and everything in between.

WHAT COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

Students interested in pursuing a degree in social work after Centre should expect to take courses in anthropology, sociology, psychology, statistics, and other disciplines. The following is a list of suggested courses for pre-social work students:

- Social Welfare (SOC 210)
- Social Structure (SOC 120)
- Race and Ethnicity (ANT 335)
- Introduction to Family Life (SOC 203)
- Social Psychology (SOC 360)
- Cultural Psychology (PSY 335)
- Life-Span Developmental Psychology (PSY 380)
- Race, Class, and Gender (SOC 315)
- Introduction to Social Justice (SLJ 210)
- Introduction to Statistics (MAT 130)

CAREERS OF CENTRE ALUMNI IN SOCIAL WORK

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services – Protection Training Specialist
- Kentucky Legislative Research Commission – Project Manager
- Veterans Affairs Clinic – Clinical Social Worker
- Colorado Division of Youth Corrections – Regional Program Director
- Boyle County Health Department – Director of Public Health



PRIVATE PRACTICE

- Private Practice Psychotherapist (Arkansas)
- Senior Partner in a Counseling and Mediation Company (Oklahoma)
- Child and Family Psychotherapist (Cincinnati)

EDUCATION

- University of Alabama School of Social Work – Professor of Mental Health
- University of Kentucky Work Life Office – Coordinator of Work and Life Connections
- Bellarmine University – Director of Corporate and Foundation Giving

NON-PROFITS

- March of Dimes – Director of Program Services
- Jewish Community Center of New Orleans – Social Worker
- St. Louis Children’s Hospital – Critical Care Social Worker
- Family Scholar House (Louisville) – Relationship Coordinator
- Kentucky Refugee Ministries – Caseworker

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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RELATED WEBSITES

[Pre-Social Work Program Overview](#)

VISIT CENTRE

The best way to judge Centre is to tour the campus, talk to the professors and students, attend a class, and spend the night in a residence hall. We invite you to visit and encourage you to contact the Admission Office if you have any questions.

THE CENTRE COMMITMENT

We back our promise with a deeply engaging and intensely personal education guarantee. If you meet regular academic and social expectations, you will complete all three parts of the Centre Commitment, or the college will provide up to an additional year of study tuition-free.

Centre students will:

- Study abroad
- Have an internship or research opportunity
- Graduate in four years