

Options with a degree in Social Work

What skills will you develop?

Social Work graduates are able to:

- work professionally within legal, ethical and professional frameworks
- conduct themselves with a non-judgemental outlook
- work collaboratively with multi-disciplinary teams
- identify and propose solutions to problems through interventions
- act calmly in stressful and challenging situations
- negotiate and mediate on behalf of service users
- organise and manage a case-load
- prepare reports and maintain accurate records

[Job profile: social worker \(Prospects\)](#)

[Job profile: social worker \(National Careers Service\)](#)

Social work graduates would also find their degree a useful background or relevant first step prior to further training or study, for these job roles:

- Advice worker
- Community development worker
- Community education officer
- Education welfare officer
- Family care worker
- Further Education teacher
- Support worker
- Teacher
- Teaching assistant
- Higher Education lecturer
- Learning mentor
- Mental health support worker
- Police officer
- Probation officer
- Residential childcare worker
- Youth offending team officer
- Youth worker

What other career options are there?

Many employers seek graduates with a good degree (usually a 2.2 or higher), and over 80% of employers don't have a preference for the subject studied. These are some of the areas you could also consider. Some of these will involve further study or training:

- Accountancy
- Advertising
- Banking
- Charity and voluntary work
- Civil Service
- Events management
- Finance
- Hospitality
- HR
- Insurance
- Law
- Local government
- Marketing
- Politics
- Public Relations
- Recruitment
- Sales and retail
- Tourism

For more information about different sectors and job roles, including career-planning tools, the following websites are helpful:

[Prospects](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[TargetJobs](#)

[AllAboutCareers](#)

What help is available from the University of Cumbria?

The Careers and Employability Service can support you with your career planning throughout your time at university, and for up to three years after you graduate. During this time, you can access our career hub, [My Career Enriched](#), which enables you to:

- search for graduate jobs, part-time work, work experience, placements and paid internships
- book one-to-one advice and guidance appointments
- book a practice interview
- book onto employability events
- CV/application review service

We also offer practical workshops on a range of employability topics, as well as advice and information about further study.

Students with a disability or health condition can request information and advice on finding disability confident employers, how to declare a disability, applying for work, and requesting adjustments in the recruitment process.

Access our range of careers information and resources on My.Cumbria.ac.uk

Other useful sources of advice

[British Association of Social Workers](#)

[Health and Care Professions Council](#)

[Targetpostgrad](#)

[FindAMasters](#)

[UNISON](#)

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