



SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY  
**SOCIAL WORK**

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## Lending A Helping Hand

### SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY'S SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

If you enjoy helping others and want to make a difference, consider the social work profession. Social workers assist individuals and families in every stage of life across communities, seeking to address emotional, psychological, physical, and economic needs. They also empower groups, organizations, and communities to employ change on global levels.

If you are looking to find a program with professional faculty, small class sizes, and practical hands-on learning, Siena Heights University's Social Work Program is the ideal fit for you.

Siena Heights University's Baccalaureate Social Work Program (BSW) has earned nationally recognized accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The faculty members of the Social Work Program are dedicated to educating social work majors to become competent, ethical, and purposeful generalist social work practitioners who are committed to the well being of people who are vulnerable and oppressed.

The curriculum combines liberal arts courses, four required sociology courses that include community-based learning experiences, and one semester of Spanish, with professional social work courses that focus on:

- Social welfare services and policy
- Populations-at-risk
- Human and cultural diversity
- Social science research
- Social justice issues
- Social work ethics and values
- Social work practice preparation
- Human behavior and the social environment
- Social work with groups and families
- Field practice

## Educational Goals

- 1) Prepare baccalaureate students to become competent, ethical, and purposeful generalist social work practitioners who work with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations
- 2) Provide a social work education program that incorporates content about, and commitment to, social work ethics and values, social justice, and enhancing the well being of vulnerable and oppressed people
- 3) Prepare graduates to assume responsibility for continuing their professional development

## CORE VALUES

- Service
- Social Justice
- Dignity and Worth of the Person
- Importance of Human Relationships
- Integrity
- Competence





## Theoretical To Applied Field Practice

### THE SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Social work students look forward to their supervised field practice where they work in agency and organizational settings, applying what they have learned in the classroom to real life situations. Depending on the population served by the field placement agency, students may:

- Provide social services to elderly in nursing homes
- Help hospital patients make discharge plans
- Work with parents to improve their parenting skills
- Conduct home visits and assess needs of families
- Implement intervention plans for at-risk children
- Interact with adjudicated juveniles in a residential setting
- Help families deal with grief and bereavement
- Assist people with mental illness to handle daily living tasks
- Work with women and children in a domestic violence shelter
- Assist homeless people in finding shelter
- Develop programs for children at a local agency

*“Siena Heights University’s BSW program helped to lay a strong foundation for my path into social work. The teaching methods the professors brought to the classroom provided me the necessary tools to become a competent social worker. Moreover, the BSW program allowed me to grow both professionally and personally through practical internships and community contact. Finally, while I recently graduated from Siena, the professors remain a wonderful source of ongoing mentorship.”*



Amanda Goetting, SWK Alumni 2012



## Hands on Experience

There are many opportunities to do field placements in Lenawee County, including:

- Adrian Dominican Sisters
- Boys and Girls Club of Lenawee
- Bixby Medical Center - Social Work Department
- Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Program
- Catholic Charities
- Communities in Schools of Lenawee
- Community Action Agency
- Family Counseling and Children’s Services
- Family Service & Children’s Aid
- Hope Community Center
- Hospice of Lenawee
- Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority
- Lenawee County Department of Human Services
- Lenawee County Probate Court
- Lenawee Department of Aging
- Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation
- Lenawee Intermediate School District
- Lenawee Medical Care Facility
- Lenawee Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
- Lenawee United Way
- Maurice Spear Campus
- South Central Michigan Works
- St. Louis Center

# What Can You Do With A Social Work Degree?

## POSSIBLE CAREERS IN SOCIAL WORK

As a diverse profession, social workers are employed in many different organizations and industries, including private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and universities, businesses and foundations, military branches and veterans' centers, as well as national and local public elected offices. As a graduate with a BSW degree, you can choose to pursue your career path in varied areas.

### **PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Case management, program development and evaluation, advocacy, policy development, and research in public and private social service agencies

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS**

Rehabilitation, probation, parole, youth services, and victim assistance in prisons and correctional facilities, courts, police departments, probation offices, victim services organizations

### **SCHOOLS**

Pupil personnel services in Head Start and Early intervention programs for special needs children

### **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHILD WELFARE**

Case management, direct services, advocacy, and interventions in public and private child welfare agencies, adoption agencies, foster care organizations, child daycare centers, and public protective services

### **GERONTOLOGY**

Advocacy and intervention, case management, programming, and policy development in nursing homes, senior centers, home-care organizations, and hospitals

### **OCCUPATIONAL**

Educating, wellness promotion, employee assistance, organizational development, human resource services in businesses, corporations, and labor unions

### **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Case management, direct services, program planning and evaluation, research, and policy development in community residential homes, state and local agencies, medical facilities, and public and private schools

### **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH**

Case management, direct services, education, program development, research, and advocacy in hospitals, community health centers, community mental health centers, outpatient clinics, public health programs, health maintenance organizations, nursing homes, group homes, hospice, and Veterans Administration hospitals

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, PLANNING, AND ACTION**

Education, facilitation, research, planning, program and community development, advocacy, and empowerment activities in communities, local, state, and federal governmental units, citizens groups, neighborhood associations, political groups, and advocacy organizations

## A World Of Opportunities

### EMPLOYMENT DEMANDS FOR STUDENTS

Employers recognize that graduates with a Siena Heights University BSW degree have specific professional training and field practice experience that enables them to work effectively with individuals, families, small groups, communities and organizations. Some of the employment positions our graduates hold include:

- Probation officers
- Foster care and adoption case managers
- Treatment specialists
- Homeless specialists
- Mental health case managers
- Children's service coordinators
- Supportive service counselors
- Group home service coordinators
- Admissions coordinators
- Migrant program service workers
- Bereavement coordinators
- Substance abuse counselors
- Corrections officers
- Senior service case workers
- Parent aide workers
- Respite care coordinators
- Nursing home service coordinators
- Discharge planning coordinators