

# SOCIAL WORK

University of Northern Iowa College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

<https://csbs.uni.edu/socialwork>

## About The Major

If you want to make a difference in other people's lives, then you may want to consider a degree in social work. A degree in social work focuses on understanding and helping people of all populations. This program's goal is to increase students' understanding of oppression and learn how to promote social and economic justice through advocacy and social reform. Professionals in this field gain the skills needed to successfully assist individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

## Sample Course Work

Addictions Treatment  
Human Behavior & the Social Environment  
Social Work Research  
Practice with Individuals  
Diversity & Difference  
Social Policies & Issues

## Possible Career Settings

Children & Family Services

Medical/Health Care

Shelters/Housing

Criminal Justice

Violence Prevention Programs

Mental Health Services

Educational Settings

Substance Abuse Prevention

Treatment/Rehabilitation

Adolescent Services

Aging/Gerontology

People with Disabilities

## UNI Graduates: Where Are They Now?

- Lutheran Services in Iowa, Inc.
- North Star Community Services
- Abbe Center for Community Mental Health
- Iowa Department of Corrections
- Amani Community Services
- UnityPoint Health
- Waterloo Community Schools
- St. Luke's Hospital
- Exceptional Persons, Inc.
- Orchard Place
- Waverly Health Center
- Four Oaks
- Iowa Department of Human Services
- Pathways Behavior Services
- YWCA
- Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health
- Cedar Valley Hospice
- Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center

## Skills Needed

- Active Learning
- Emotional Intelligence
- Organization
- Critical Thinking
- Empathy
- Communication skills
- Patience
- Self-Awareness
- Perceptiveness
- Dependability
- Oral & Written Communication
- Boundary-Setting
- Problem-solving