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SOCIAL WORK MAJOR GUIDE

WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

Social Work programs prepare people to counsel groups and individuals. In most Social Work programs students learn about intervention models for individuals, communities and social policy.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Social Work programs study a variety of topics including: counseling, public policy, substance abuse, end-of-life care, mental illness and social research methods. Social Work programs prepare students to work in: government agencies, substance abuse centers, nonprofits, prisons, schools, mental health clinics, etc. (www.wois.org).

RELATED MAJORS:

Psychology, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Human Development. See more at www.wois.org. (Ask Advising for a site key.)

WHICH DEGREE FROM NSC WILL PREPARE ME TO MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK?

You can start preparing for a Social Work major by incorporating social work specific coursework (major prerequisites) with general education courses which will all fit into the **Associate of Arts Degree**.

Run a degree audit!
Learn how your courses fit into a degree at North
<https://northseattle.edu/online-services/degree-audit>

BACHELOR'S VS. MASTER'S

To become a practicing social worker, you will most likely need to pursue your Master's degree in Social Work. A Bachelor's degree in Social Work can help prepare you for a Master's program, but it is not required to have a Bachelor's degree in Social Work in order to get your Master's. Students who get their Master's in Social Work come from a variety of educational backgrounds and received their Bachelor's in many different disciplines.

WHAT ARE SOME COMMON PREREQUISITES THAT I WILL NEED TO PREPARE FOR SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS?

Every university will require slightly different prerequisites and recommend you prepare for the major in different ways. It is highly recommended you speak with a representative at the university you are interested in attending to ensure you are taking the correct courses. Below is a general list of the most commonly recommended courses for social work programs:

Type of Courses	Specific Courses
ENGLISH Prereq: Placement Test	ENGL&101 – English Composition I ENGL&102 – English Composition II
SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES Prereq: ENGL&101	Ex: PSYC&100 – General Psychology Ex: SOC&101 – Intro to Sociology
MATH Prereq: MATH 098 or Placement Test	MATH&107 – Math & Society
GENERAL BIOLOGY	Ex: BIOL128 – Survey of Anatomy and Physiology Ex: BIOL&100 – Survey of Biology EX: BIOL&160 – General Biology w/ Lab

HELPFUL LINKS:

Information on Social Work:

www.socialworkers.org
careers.socialworkers.org

Transfer Events Calendar:

<https://northseattle.edu/advising/advising-transfer-events-calendar>

Explore Majors:

www.wois.org
www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html

College Searches:

<http://www.collegeboard.org/>
<http://www.petersons.com/>

Financial Aid:

www.fafsa.gov

ADVISING

NSC Advisors are here to help you! Come visit us and we will assist you in creating an educational plan that outlines your degree requirements, your transfer major prerequisites and your intended 4-year transfer institution requirements.

Schedule an appointment today!

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SOCIAL WORK* SPECIFIC BACHELORS PROGRAMS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Eastern WA:

Heritage University
Walla Walla University

King-Snohomish Area:

Seattle University
University of Washington – Seattle

West Side Area:

Saint Martin's University

Spokane Area:

Eastern Washington University

Tacoma Area:

Pacific Lutheran University
University of Washington – Tacoma (Social Welfare)

TIPS FOR TRANSFER

Many local universities have similar/related majors but might use a name other than Social Work (Social Welfare, Sociology, Society, Ethics & Human Behavior, etc.).

Contact the college/university of interest for a list of their major pre-requisites if they are not listed online.

Sciences and Math sequences should always be started and completed at the same college.

Social Work programs differ from school to school. Check out what specialization is offered at your school of interest.

Always know the dates, deadlines and other requirements for admission to your schools of interest. Ex. Do they admit in the spring quarter? Are there minimum entrance requirements? Do they have a foreign language requirement?

** This is an unofficial guide only. It is designed to help students prepare for entry into Washington State programs. It is the student's responsibility to communicate with their intended universities to ensure they are properly preparing for their intended major**

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