Social Work Career Map

JOB OUTLOOK:

Employment of social and human service assistants and social workers is projected to grow 13-17% from 2019-2029.

	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree (BSW)	Masters Degree (MSW)
Overview:	Introduction to concepts in social work, psychology and sociology while developing a broad understanding of individual, family, and community needs.	Transformative educational experiences that prepare students to develop a professional social work identity for generalist practice across diverse client systems by applying knowledge, skills, and values that foster social change.	Prepares students for advanced social work practice and research in public and private agencies in two primary concentrations: Leadership and Social Change and Advanced Clinical.
Positions:	 Social Work Aide/Assistant Youth Care Worker Home Health and Personal Care Aide Gerontology Aide Paraprofessional 	 Social Work Case Manager Intake Specialist Child Welfare/Family Services Caseworker/Outreach Worker Mental Health Worker Human Service Specialist Rehabilitation Caseworker 	Mental Health/Addictions Clinician Medical/Hospital Social Worker Social Work Supervisor/Administrator School Social Worker Policy Analyst/Lobbyist Therapist/Private Practice Clinician (LCSW) Non-profit Management Juvenile Justice Forensic Social Work Philanthropy Engagement Adjunct Faculty
Certifications:		Certificate in Child Welfare Certificate for Social Work with Older Adults	• Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) with Endorsement in School Social Work
License Eligibility in Illinois		Licensed Social Worker (LSW) Child Welfare Employee License (CWEL)	Licensed Social Worker (LSW) and Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

Within the Advanced Clinical concentration, students choose a focus area to specialize in: Mental Health, Health Care, School Social Work, or Children, Youth, and Family Services.

The Leadership and Social Change concentration prepares students for social work careers that emphasize social change both within social service agencies and through public advocacy.

