

# MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

## Social Work

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

### Mission of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs is dedicated to your personal and academic development, the advancement of our disciplines, and the improvement of public policy and professional practices.

Our programs emphasize improvement of the quality of urban life by preparing you for professional practice through interdisciplinary learning, service, and scholarship founded on active collaboration among you, our faculty, professionals, and community members.

Visit this site for more information:  
<https://www.unlv.edu/urbanaffairs>

### About Social Work

**The School of Social Work provides a wide range of educational experiences for those interested in entering the ever-expanding field of social work. As a student, you will be prepared to work in a variety of settings, including child welfare, mental health, criminal and juvenile justice, gerontology, domestic violence, health care, community development, policy practice, and research.**

**If you are concerned with matters of social justice and want to make a difference in people's lives and your communities, we invite you to consider the social work profession as a rewarding and valuable career.**

### UNLV Academic Advising for Social Work Majors:

*Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.*

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Advising Center

Phone: 702-895-1009

Campus Location: GUA 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - North Wing

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### Social Work Career Options

- Child, family, and school social workers
- Medical and public health social workers
- Mental health and substance abuse social workers
- Forensic social workers

### Graduate Program Master of Social Work

The Master of Social Work (MSW) Program at UNLV prepares students for professional social work careers in the areas of direct practice with individuals, families, and groups, and in management and community practice.

The mission of the MSW program is to educate students to work with populations in urban settings, utilizing generalist, problem-solving, empowerment, and social justice approaches. Special attention is given to the mastery of multiple practice issues, attendant upon the present plural and diverse populations in American society. Students may elect Direct Practice or Management and Community Practice as their area of concentration. The Direct Practice concentration prepares students for advanced social work practice with individuals, families, and groups. The Management and Community Practice concentration prepares students for advanced practice in policy advocacy and management of human service organizations and agencies at the local, state and national levels.

<http://www.unlv.edu/degree/msw>

### Activities and Groups

Phi Alpha Delta: UNLV's Delta Chapter, was founded at UNLV in May 1982 and welcomes students who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

University Association of Social Work Students (UASWS): UASWS is an organization directed toward social work majors. UASWS is an excellent forum for social work students to share ideas, experiences, and concerns, and to have a voice in the School of Social Work.

<http://www.unlv.edu/socialwork/activities>

# Helpful Career Information

## Are You Career Ready?

Employers are looking to hire college students and recent graduates who know how to use their talents, strengths, and interests. These students are Career Ready.

How do you become Career Ready? Mastering these Career Readiness Competencies will prepare you for a successful transition into the workplace.



Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OOH can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations.. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2014–2024 decade, as well as salary data.

### UNLV Career Services

At Career Services, we strive to educate and equip UNLV students and alumni with the knowledge and tools to successfully navigate the increasingly global and dynamic workforce. We also work to create beneficial community partnerships to connect UNLV students and alumni with their respective industry.

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Access to career exploration assessments, including FOCUS 2, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), and the Strong Interest Inventory
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

<https://www.unlv.edu/hirearebel>

### MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2016

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Social Workers	\$28,800 - \$78,510	\$46,890
Social and Human Service Assistants	\$20,800 - \$50,640	\$31,810
Social and Community Service Managers	\$39,770 - \$110,970	\$64,680
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$26,950 - \$70,100	\$42,840

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition*, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/> (visited March 23, 2018).

### Internship & Job Opportunities

As a UNLV student you have 24/7 access to an online recruiting system designed specifically for you, called Hire A Rebel. Within Hire A Rebel, you are able to manage your profile and search through a variety of job and internships postings for all industries.

By utilizing the "Advanced Search" feature within the Jobs & Internships section, you can filter by position type, location, industry, and more. Hire A Rebel contains all types of positions including: part-time and full-time jobs, paid and unpaid internships – located on-campus, locally, nationally.

<https://www.unlv.edu/hirearebel/jobs-internships>

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