

What skills can graduates gain?

Through studying a degree in Social Work, graduates develop a range of skills such as:

- * Advanced listening and verbal communication skills
- * Self-awareness and a non-judgemental attitude
- * Building/developing rapport or relationships, and conducting interviews
- * Te Tiriti o Waiangi knowledge in practice
- * Critical thinking and the ability to challenge ideas
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What jobs and activities might graduates do?

Graduates with this degree are employed in a range of job opportunities below.

- * Develop support plan for clients in their home
- * Support the health and carer of clients

Social worker

Social workers apply their expertise in a variety of roles in individual and family, in the community, in direct practice roles, research, education, management, policy and leadership.

Regardless of the role being, social workers:

- * provide support and guidance to the community, individual, and family
- * build relationships and link people to resources, services, groups and agencies
- * advocate for and on behalf of people; mediate and resolve conflicts
- * apply in-depth relational skills to work in a range of complex factors
- * identify and address danger and harm factors
- * undertake psychosocial assessments, analysis and intervention
- * enhance people's abilities and capacity to address and manage challenges
- * address broader social impacts on people and societal challenges such as discrimination, inequality and social injustice
- * collaborate with the community to develop their own solutions
- * Write reports case notes

Care and protection social worker

- * Gather information and involved in working with families where children are protected, safe and well
- * Contribute to family group conferences

Residential / social worker

- * Care for clients and their families in a residential setting e.g. emergency shelter/refuge
- * Manage inpatient and inpatient care

Mental health social worker

- * Provide intervention for people who are experiencing mental health issues
- * Assess their needs, participate in progress
- * Aid independence and intervention if needed

Hospital / medical social worker

- * Work with people who are ill or frail at home

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