

# SOCIAL WORK - B.S.W.

College of Applied and Technical Studies  
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## Examples of Possible Careers\*

### Social workers, all other

- 5.1% faster than the average
- 62,500 number of jobs
- \$64,210 potential earnings

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  - Ashtabula Campus
  - Salem Campus
  - Tuscarawas Campus

## Fully Offered

- **Delivery:**
  - Mostly online
- **Location:**
  - Ashtabula Campus
  - Salem Campus
  - Tuscarawas Campus

### \*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nationwide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Description

The Bachelor of Social Work degree prepares students to work at a generalist level across many social work areas or to continue on to the Master of Social Work degree. Students in the program apply their academic knowledge to the practical realities of making a difference in the lives of individuals, families and communities. The curriculum includes a focus on rural social work, with options for students to specialize in mental health, substance use disorder, gerontology, child welfare settings, suicide prevention and trauma-informed care.

## Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

**First-Year Students on the Kent Campus:** First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to

the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campus to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

**First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses:** First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. Check with a regional campus admissions office to determine application requirements, as they may differ among campuses.

**International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

**Transfer Students:** For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

**Former Students:** Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Use social work skills to assess and treat micro-, mezzo- and macro-level challenges
2. Apply ethical standards in interactions with social work clients
3. Demonstrate cultural competence in social work practice
4. Advocate for oppressed individuals and groups through social justice
5. Apply social work skills using the person-in-environment focus to work with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities
6. Effectively communicate as a professional social worker using written and verbal language skills

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.

## University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

**NOTE:** University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
<b>Total Credit Hour Requirement</b>	<b>120</b>

## Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA; min C/S grade required in all courses)</b>		
SWK 24140	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	3
SWK 24146	PERSPECTIVES ON BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT I	3
SWK 24147	PERSPECTIVES ON BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT II	3
SWK 25100	SOCIAL WORK IN RURAL SETTINGS	3
SWK 25248	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
SWK 34140	PRACTICE CONTENT FOR SOCIAL WORK I	3
SWK 34141	PRACTICE CONTENT FOR SOCIAL WORK II	3
SWK 34149	APPLIED RESEARCH IN SOCIAL WORK	3
SWK 44192	FIELD EXPERIENCE I (ELR)	3
SWK 44210	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR	3
SWK 44292	FIELD EXPERIENCE II (ELR)	3
SWK 44299	SOCIAL WORK CAPSTONE (ELR)	3
Major Electives, choose from the following:		12
SWK 25195	SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL WORK	
SWK 35120	SOCIAL WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH SETTINGS	
SWK 35121	SOCIAL WORK IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SETTINGS	
SWK 35122	SOCIAL WORK IN CHILD WELFARE SETTINGS	
SWK 35123	SOCIAL WORK AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE	
SWK 35124	SOCIAL WORK PERSPECTIVES ON AGING	
SWK 35125	INTERPROFESSIONAL APPROACHES TO SUICIDE PREVENTION	
SWK 35195	SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIAL WORK	
SWK 35196	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN SOCIAL WORK	
<b>Additional Program Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1

Kent Core Composition	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional	6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)	35
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>

## Progression Requirements

Prior to enrolling in SWK 44192, students must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete the required college courses as specified on the roadmap, with a minimum 2.000 GPA in all social work (SWK) courses
2. Submit an application to be considered for a field placement
3. Meet with the program's field director or program director to determine options for placement sites
4. Complete the background check and other orientation or pre-placement requirements as dictated by placement site

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 400 hours of supervised field experience

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One	Credits
SWK 24140 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	3
UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
Semester Two	Credits
SWK 24146 PERSPECTIVES ON BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT I	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
Semester Three	Credits
SWK 24147 PERSPECTIVES ON BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT II	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Semester Four</b>		
SWK 25100	SOCIAL WORK IN RURAL SETTINGS	3
SWK 25248	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
General Electives		8
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>		
SWK 34140	PRACTICE CONTENT FOR SOCIAL WORK I	3
SWK 34149	APPLIED RESEARCH IN SOCIAL WORK	3
General Electives		9
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>		
SWK 34141	PRACTICE CONTENT FOR SOCIAL WORK II	3
Social Work Electives		6
General Electives		6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Seven</b>		
SWK 44210	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR	3
SWK 44192	FIELD EXPERIENCE I (ELR)	3
Social Work Elective		3
General Electives		6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Eight</b>		
SWK 44299	SOCIAL WORK CAPSTONE (ELR)	3
SWK 44292	FIELD EXPERIENCE II (ELR)	3
Social Work Elective		3
General Electives		6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>120</b>