

Social Work

Trent Career Centre

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Use this tool to discover how you can use your degree, skills and experiences in the workplace.

This is only a starting place – remember to explore all your options.

Skills Developed Through Your Major

- Engage in ethical practice
- Knowledge in areas of advocacy, community organization, social policy, & social justice
- Understand and conduct research on human development & behavior
- Conduct field studies, surveys, sampling, community based research
- Understand the dynamics of oppression, diversity, social location and identity
- Utilize statistical applications
- Knowledge of institutional/social/political/economic structural inequities
- Understand learning & psycho-social concerns of children & the elderly
- Practice effective leadership in social work organizations
- Interact effectively with people of different backgrounds & cultures
- Counsel individuals, couples, families

Recognizing Valuable Assets

- Investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, or violation of human rights
- Understand what aspects shape contemporary social welfare
- Knowledge about Indigenous, feminist and queer perspectives
- Critical observation, interviewing, assessment & evaluation skills
- Knowledge of how economic, social, political & legislative contexts shape individual and societal problems

Sample Job Titles and Fields of Work

A Taste of What's Out There

Note: Some occupations may require further education or specialized training

- Addictions Counsellor
- Adoption Agencies
- Career Consultant
- Caseworker
- Child/Family Counsellor
- Child Protection Worker
- Clinical Counsellor
- Community Worker
- Crisis Intervention Worker
- Foster Care Worker
- Gerontologist
- Health Care Service Statistician
- Human Resources
- Labour Relations
- Lobbyist
- Long-Term Care Worker
- Medical Social Worker
- Mental Health Agencies
- Parenting/Life Coach
- Rehabilitation
- Policy Analyst
- Probation Officer
- Probation, Parole & Prison Services
- Program & Quality Assurance Manager
- Residential Care Worker
- School Social Worker
- Social Welfare Worker
- Social Worker
- Therapist
- Victim Services Worker
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth Services Worker

Career Centre Resources

Great On-Campus Services

Career Centre Website

trentu.ca/careers - Extensive career development and work search information including tools, links, strategies and assessments.

Trent University Student Job Board

trentu.ca/sep - Look for on- and off-campus opportunities.

Career Resources on myTrent

trentu.ca/mytrent - Access the following resources through myTrent>Support>Student Transitions and Careers

- **Career Cruising and TypeFocus**

Free self-assessments that connect your interests and personality to your career.

- **My World Abroad**

A guide that provides information, strategies, and tips for anyone considering going abroad for work, study or travel.

Career Counselling and Résumé Critiques

Get feedback in a one-on-one appointment. Book online at trentu.ca/sep.

Career and Work Search Workshops

Register through the Events Calendar at trentu.ca/sep.

Resource Library

Information on career exploration, finding work, and more.

- Opportunities in Social Science Careers
- Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, and Activism

Events and Fairs

Your opportunity to meet and network with employers and recruiters on campus.

Professional Associations & Societies

More Than Just a Club!

Professional associations and societies can be effective exploration resources as they provide information about careers, job boards, events and professional development opportunities. These groups can be used for networking, so become familiar with them!

Ontario College of Social Workers & Social Service Workers
ocswssw.org

Ontario Association of Social Workers
oasw.org

Canadian Association of Social Workers
casw-acts.ca

National Association of Social Workers
socialworkers.org

Canadian Association of School Social Workers & Attendance Counsellors

casswac.ca

International Federation of Social Workers
ifsw.org

National Organization of Forensic Social Work
nofsw.org

Opportunities

Internships, Careers, Government Programs

Trent University Student Job Board
trentu.ca/sep

CASW Job Opportunities
casw-acts.ca/en/what-social-work/professional-opportunities/job-opportunities

Work in NonProfits
workinnonprofits.ca

Working in Mental Health
workinginmentalhealth.ca

Job Bank
jobbank.gc.ca

Career Edge
careeredge.ca

Ontario Internship Program
internship.gov.on.ca

Federal Government Jobs
jobs.gc.ca

Provincial Government Jobs
gojobs.gov.on.ca

International Jobs
impactpool.org

Charity Village
charityvillage.com

Internship Listings
campusaccess.com

Get Experience

Social Work at Trent University

trentu.ca/socialwork – Courses, program faculty, program blog, and more department information.

Trent Community Research Centre

trentcentre.ca – Students are matched with local organizations to assist with research, planning and other community development projects for course credit.

Trent University Student Organizations

trentcentral.ca/clubs.php - Get involved in groups that will contribute to learning new skills & gaining a variety of experience.

Get Connected

Develop your network – get advice about careers from alumni and other professionals.

Connection Tools

The Career Centre's tip sheets and workshops on LinkedIn, networking, and marketing yourself at career events.

Mentoring/Networking Programs

Programs and events to help you navigate your career options.

Visit trentu.ca/careers/mentoring