

CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK

Social work is one of the priority area now a days with a no of international and national NGOs are setting up their bases all over India for the developmental activities. So in this era a career in social work/ social science can not be ignored . a career in Post Graduate in Social Work/ Social Science is considered as the best alternative to the career in Human Resources Development or Rural Management.

Although like Rural Management/HRD, social work/sciences is very much a people based job, there is a lot of paper work and administration work involved in the profession. A student in 10+2 (any discipline) can join a 3 year Bachelor degree course in social work or after graduation in any discipline, one can join for MA in social work. The area of specialization differs in Post Graduate level like criminology and correctional administration, social welfare administration, urban and rural community development etc.

After completing the course one can get employed in community development agencies operated by Govt/DRDA, municipalities, NGOs. Besides some work also available in prisons, social welfare depts., juvenile delinquents, old age homes, hospital and mental health services, counseling centers, rehabilitation centers, child guidance and family counseling centers, social welfare trusts etc. Now a days labor intensive organizations are also looking for MSW candidates against MBA (HRD) for their welfare activities.

Some of the institutes in India providing the courses are

- Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (www.tiss.edu)
- Viswa Bharati Santi Niketan (www.viswa-bharati.ac.in)
- Lucknow University (www.lkouniv.ac.in)
- Madras School of Social Work, Chennai (www.unom.ac.in)
- University of Mumbai (www.mu.ac.in)
- MS University of Baroda, Vadodara (www.msubaroda.ac.in)
- University of Delhi (www.du.ac.in)

Besides these above indicated lists a lot of Universities are providing Regular/ Distance Education courses in Social Work. So students are advised to check out properly for this courses in any other Universities.