

Career Opportunities in Social Work

As a social work major, you will be prepared for generalist social work practice and obtain the skills, knowledge and ethical values to be employed by any human service agency regardless of its mission or client group. This includes child welfare agencies, school and youth service agencies, hospitals and nursing homes, offices of the aging, county mental health/mental retardation agencies, correctional institutions and community residential programs. Other agencies include those that serve the homeless and people living with HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol treatment, and domestic violence.

Recent graduates have found employment with Centre, Clinton and Lycoming County Children and Youth, Manorcare Nursing Home, Muncy State Correctional Institution, and Community Services Group. Others have been accepted for graduate study at New York University, Temple University, Marywood University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Maryland, Lehigh University, and West Chester University.



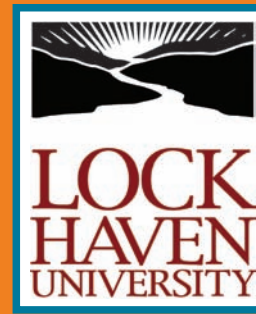
Lock Haven University is a great environment for learning. Large enough to provide a well rounded college experience while small enough to provide the feeling of being a name, not just a number.

Earning a bachelors degree in social work not only provided me a solid foundation for my career, it also provided skills for handling the real world. The program helped to instill a sense of confidence, a strong work ethic, and an ability to think outside the box.

The instructors in the social work program are second to none. They are passionate, approachable, and their depth of knowledge and experience brought so much more to the classroom than text book material. Their drive to see students succeed is never ending.

Each day my career presents me with challenging situations. I am thankful to have the skills and knowledge gained from the Lock Haven University social work program to draw on. They haven't let me down yet.

- Don Page '01



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B.A. Sociology

Have you ever wondered how something can be a fad one day and obsolete the next? Have you wondered why you and your friends can be so alike in some ways and yet so different in others? Has there been a news story that has left you shaking your head at the sheer absurdity or awfulness of what took place? Do you wonder why some people have so much in life while others have so little?

Sociology can help you to find the answers to these and other questions. Sociology works to situate individuals in their larger social environment in an effort to better understand both. We ask what impact individuals have on their family, community, and society. Conversely, we investigate the impact that family, community, and society have on the individual. Studying this two-way interaction makes Sociology interesting and exciting. Come join us on this journey of discovery. The knowledge and skills you develop will enable you to become an active architect of the world you inhabit rather than simply a passive bystander.

Concentrations

Our program offers two areas of concentration:

Administration of Criminal Justice, for those interested in criminal justice, but want a wider array of options than those offered by a degree in criminal justice.

Global Diversity, for those interested in working in a human resource capacity or a community agency in a multiethnic, multiracial environment.

Career Opportunities

As a sociology major, you will develop analytical and critical thinking skills that will provide you with the tools to pursue a career in a wide variety of fields or continue on to graduate school in such areas as sociology, law, the ministry or business administration. Some careers include criminal and juvenile justice, social research, policy making, marketing, human resources, youth development aides, law enforcement, local and state government, community nonprofit organizations, and other human services agencies both public and private.

Recent graduates have found employment with Mercer Insurance Agency, Lycoming County Families United Network, Cornell Abraxas, the Pennsylvania State Police, M&T Bank, and Progressive Insurance. Others have been accepted for graduate study at Bowling Green State University, Patterson University, Lehigh University, and Canisius College.

Internships

Internships are an important part of hands-on learning and provide valuable experience for future employment. Recent internships included the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission, Dauphin County Juvenile Probation, Clinton County Correctional Facility, Habitat for Humanity, Abraxas Center - Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Susquehanna House Juvenile Residential Facility, and Sunbury Pleasure Ground Playground. In addition, several students have studied abroad in Mexico.

Anthropology

Lock Haven students take anthropology as part of their general education courses, as required or elective courses in several majors and as a minor. Anthropology courses prepare you to understand and deal effectively with cultural diversity. In Introduction to Anthropology students learn about all four subfields- Physical, Archeology, Linguistics and Cultural. Our other courses concentrate on Cultural Anthropology and students can take area courses in Latin America, Japan and the Middle East and learn about the diverse and fascinating lives of Native Americans and women in the developing world. Our professors enrich their courses with extensive research experience in Egypt, Tunisia, Thailand, the Philippines, Mesoamerica and Peru.



"Sociology is about having a love affair with people - using your knowledge of people to make choices in your personal and professional life that enhance their quality of life and to help to create a healthier, kinder, and more stable world for them to live in." - RLB '08



Our Faculty

The quality of your education depends on the quality of the faculty. At LHM, you will be taught by professors who are dedicated to your success, not graduate assistants. All sociology and anthropology faculty have doctoral degrees from well-respected universities. All remain professionally involved by doing research and presenting papers at conferences organized by the American Sociological Association, the Pennsylvania Sociological Society, the Popular Culture and American Culture Association, the National Association of Native American Studies and others. You can count on your professors always to be available to help you understand the coursework and answer other questions about your career.

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B.S. Social Work

If you are interested in helping the disadvantaged, the social work program at LHM will provide you with the skills to effectively solve problems, advocate for social and economic justice of oppressed populations, and empower groups to become actively involved in bringing about change. Not only will you participate in energetic classroom learning, but you will also be volunteering in the community, completing a 430-hour practicum in a social welfare agency to acquaint you with the real life situations. This will prepare you for a career in social work. We address the rural perspective to prepare students who plan to remain in rural community service to be effective social work practitioners. Our highly regarded program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Internships

The field placement experience is similar to student teaching. You will be placed in an agency where you will encounter real-life situations and gain valuable experience for future employment. The Social Work Program participates in the Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureate Students program which pays students to complete their field placements in public county child welfare agencies. Recent field placements included Marshall and Associates Elder Law Firm, Williamsport Area School District, Susquehanna Health System, Centre County Children and Youth, the Meadows, and Clinton County Women's Center.

"Come join us to discover yourself and the world as you have never seen it before."

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"I was amazed by the ability sociology courses offered me to see the world through a new perspective. My attention was captured day after day by distinguished faculty who encouraged me to push myself to gain an in-depth understanding of sociological concepts and phenomenon."

- Lesleigh Campanale '07



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