

# YOUR Major Action Plan: Social Work



What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
SW areas such as: <u>Health Care</u> Case Management Counseling Administration Research Program Development	<b>YOUR Target Courses</b> - Complete at least 30 credit hours including, the FYS 1100 course, ENGL 1301, 1302, and Core Math requirement. - See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, <u>Academic Advising Guide</u> , and file your degree plan. - Meet with your advisor prior to registration each semester.	- Complete at least 30 credit hours including, SOCW 2361 and 2362 (a grade of at least "C" must be earned in all social work courses).
<u>Public Welfare</u> Administration and planning Case management Program evaluation Policy setting Research  <u>Criminal Justice</u> Counseling/therapy Rehabilitation	<b>Find YOUR Way</b> - Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of <u>career counseling and career assessments</u> through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through <u>TexanSync</u> . - Attend <u>Study Skills</u> sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use <u>Academic Resource Center Coaching</u> , <u>Math Clinic</u> , <u>tutoring options</u> , and <u>Writing Center</u> . - Know the <u>FAFSA deadlines</u> each year. - Seek help from <u>Student Counseling Center</u> for home sickness, depression or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit <u>Student Health Services</u> for physical health related concerns.	- Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences. SOCW 3306, 3314, 3320, and 4312 all provide opportunities to complete the ALE requirements.
Probation Parole Youth services Victim assistance  <u>School Social Work</u> Clinical social work Student advocacy Instruction	<b>Sharpen YOUR Skills</b> - Start researching the <u>marketable skills</u> that employers are seeking. - Get involved in <u>Service Day</u> and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a <u>Residential Leader</u> (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM) - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects offered by your major. - Run for <u>Freshman Representative Council</u> with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into <u>Greek Organizations</u> to build networks and community. - Join the <u>Student Social Work Association</u> . - Complete the <u>StrengthQuest assessment</u> to determine your strengths.	- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>Volunteer Match</u> or <u>United Way</u> to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by <u>The Office of Diversity and Inclusion</u> and <u>Fine Arts Center</u> for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in <u>Alternative Spring Break</u> . - Run for <u>Student Government Association</u> .
Special program interventions  <u>Gerontology</u> Advocacy/intervention Counseling Case management Programming Public policy	<b>YOUR Next Steps</b> - Check out part-time jobs in <u>Career Services employment system</u> to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend <u>job and graduate school fairs</u> to explore possible future opportunities. Make a <u>good first impression with your attire</u> . - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas <u>Reality Check</u> tool (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting and much more through <u>SALT</u> .	- Explore <u>career opportunities</u> within your major. - Ask <u>Career Services</u> how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional <u>resume</u> . - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through <u>Porfolium</u> . Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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What is YOUR passion?	3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
<p><u>Child Welfare</u> Case management Advocacy Intervention</p> <p><u>Developmental Disabilities</u> Case management Program planning and evaluation Research Policy development</p>	<p><b>YOUR Target Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apply for acceptance into the Social Work Program (<a href="#">BSW Application for Admission</a>). At this time, decision between General and Title IV Child Welfare option will need to be made. This will determine course requirements for upcoming semesters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete your remaining credit hours including, SOCW 4622 and 4623 while completing 450 internship hours (225 hours per semester).</li> </ul>
<p><u>Clinical</u> Counseling Therapy</p> <p><u>Administration</u> Management Policy development Planning</p>	<p><b>Find YOUR Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major.</li> <li>- Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields of interest.</li> <li>- Secure field placement by Spring.</li> <li>- Attend mandatory BSW Program Orientation (Fall).</li> <li>- Attend mandatory Pre-Field Orientation and the BSW Field Fair (Spring).</li> <li>- Review the <a href="#">Social Work Program Field Instruction Manual</a>.</li> <li>- Take part in the <a href="#">Official Ring Ceremony</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present an undergraduate research project at a student or professional conference.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Community Organization</u> Program and community development Advocacy Policy Education Planning</p>	<p><b>Sharpen YOUR Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider taking on leadership roles within your student organizations and clubs.</li> <li>- Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <a href="#">All For Good</a>.</li> <li>- Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <a href="#">CareerOneStop.org</a> sponsored by the US Department of Labor.</li> <li>- Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.</li> <li>- Department will screen for students eligible for acceptance into the <a href="#">Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society</a>. Invitations will then be sent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <a href="#">Career Service's employment system</a> or the <a href="#">College Internship Program's website</a>.</li> </ul>
<p>Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <a href="#">Occupational Outlook Handbook</a> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.</p>	<p><b>YOUR Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your <a href="#">job-search campaign</a>, schedule <a href="#">mock interviews</a>, resume critiques, and a <a href="#">Business Etiquette Dinner</a>.</li> <li>- Create a <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> profile to further your professional networking.</li> <li>- Check the <a href="#">Career Services calendar</a> for career development workshops.</li> <li>- Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for <a href="#">TSU Graduate Studies</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Apply for GRADUATION!</b></li> <li>- Update your resume in <a href="#">Career Service's employment system</a>, Portfolium, and LinkedIn.</li> <li>- Compile reference letters, awards, etc.</li> <li>- Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews.</li> <li>- Attend <a href="#">job fairs</a> and <a href="#">dress professionally</a>.</li> <li>- Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to <a href="#">negotiate a salary</a>.</li> <li>- Obtain letter from the Dean to sit for the BSW licensure exam.</li> <li>- Graduate! Congratulations!</li> <li>- Join the <a href="#">Tarleton Alumni Association</a> to stay connected to the University. <b>BLEED PURPLE!</b></li> </ul>