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MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER

Provide persons, families, or vulnerable populations with the psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute, or terminal illnesses. Services include advising family care givers, providing patient education and counseling.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a medical and public health social worker are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Medical and public health social workers	7.1%	15.7%	77.2%
Counselors, social workers, and other specialists	10.3%	19.8%	69.9%
Community and social services	10.5%	20.5%	69%

Most Common Educational Level: Bachelor's degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$17.09	\$21.95	\$27.74
	Yearly	\$35,500	\$45,700	\$57,700
Missouri	Hourly	\$14.84	\$19.14	\$23.83
	Yearly	\$30,900	\$39,800	\$49,600

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Medical and Public Health Social worker	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	138,700	169,800	+22%	6,590
Missouri	3,090	3,330	+8%	90

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Avila University
 Kansas City, MO
 (816) 942-8400
www.avila.edu

Columbia College
 Columbia, MO
 (573) 875-8700
www.ccis.edu

Evangel University
 Springfield, MO
 (417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Lincoln University
 Jefferson City, MO
 (573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Lindenwood University
 Saint Charles, MO
 (636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Missouri State University
 Springfield, MO
 (417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Missouri Western State University
 Saint Joseph, MO
 (816) 271-4200
www.missouriwestern.edu

Park University
 Parkville, MO
 (816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

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Saint Louis University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University

Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

University of Central Missouri

Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia

Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

University of Missouri

- Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

University of Missouri
- St. Louis

St. Louis, MO
(314) 516-5000
www.umsl.edu

Washington University

St. Louis
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu

William Woods University

Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
www.williamwoods.edu



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