

SOCIAL WORK ROLE IN
LONG-TERM CARE



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WHAT IS A
SOCIAL
WORKER?



What Makes Social Workers Different from Sociologists or Other Professionals?

- Social work is based on an *apprenticeship model* focused on *providing services to help people.*
- Social work graduates have demonstrated competency in counseling & interviewing skills.
- Social workers are bound by a professional code of ethics.

Para- Professionals

Two Year Community
College Education

Basic Social Assessment
Skills

Coordinate Services

\$35,000

Professionals

Four Year Bachelor's
Degree

General Education in
Human Behavior, Diversity,
Social Welfare, Ethics

Basic Skills in Interviewing,
Case Management,
Advocacy,

\$60,000

Advanced Professionals

Graduate Degree

Advanced Education in
Counseling, Policies, or
Organizations.

Required for Licensure as a
Clinical Social Worker that
can diagnose and treat
mental health conditions.

\$75,000

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS



WHO'S BEST FOR THE JOB?

Para? BSW? MSW? LMSW?

- Organize Care Plan Meetings
- Facilitate Support Group Meetings for Family Caregivers
- Transport Residents to Medical Appointments
- Complete MDS
- Create Social Service Care Plans
- Write Monthly Progress Notes
- Counsel a Suicidal Resident
- Pet Care
- Supervise other Social Service Staff
- Advocate for Changes to SNF Regulations

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