

WHAT'CHA
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BECOMING A SOCIAL WORKER COULD B 4 U

"If you love working with people and helping them to reach their full potential, then social work is the way to go."

Lucky, social worker at Whirinaki in East Tamaki,
Counties Manukau District Health Board

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Do you like helping others and making a difference in people's lives? Do you communicate well with people? Are you interested in people from different social and cultural groups?

If you answered yes, then becoming a SOCIAL WORKER could B 4 U!

What does a social worker do?

Social workers work with people to identify the issues that are impacting on their lives negatively, such as their living situation, relationships, personal loss, grief and substance abuse. Social workers intervene by using one-on-one counselling, group work, and family therapy to assist people to cope with their problems.

What subjects do I need to take at school?

No particular school subjects are required, but maths and English are good subjects to take. There are also bridging courses you can do to help prepare you for studying, such as the Certificate in Social Services – Introduction offered by Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT).

How do I get into it?

There are a wide range of courses available at educational institutions throughout NZ such as a 3-year degree in social work offered by the University of Auckland and other NZ universities.

Check out the accompanying "Health Occupations Summary" for a more detailed list of courses available and entry requirements.

Will I get a job after studying?

It is very likely you will get a job as there is a shortage in NZ and around the world of social workers, and the demand for social workers in the future is expected to grow.

Where can I find out more information?

The University of Auckland

Website: www.ace.ac.nz

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Website: www.unitec.ac.nz

Massey University

Website: www.massey.ac.nz

Manukau Institute of Technology

Website: www.manukau.ac.nz

The Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers:

www.asnasw.org.nz

Careers websites: www.cmdhb.org.nz/careers

www.healthcareers.org.nz

www.kiwicareers.govt.nz

www.kiwiquals.govt.nz

For any other questions call Counties Manukau District Health Board on (09) 259 5052 to speak with someone about careers or email careers@cmdhb.org.nz.