



# Public and Human Services

Sun Devils are agents of change, and seek to enrich the lives of people around the world through service, policymaking and philanthropy. Each year, thousands of Sun Devils participate in thought-provoking and service-oriented programs like Devils in Disguise, Changemaker Days of Service, Changemaker Challenge and Ignite@ASU. Along with these programs, ASU has a myriad of degree programs that prepare students to make lasting impacts on their communities and in the lives of others. They analyze body language in politicians, lead human rights campaigns, hold hackathons to spark new ideas to address social inequality and dream of becoming SWAT team members.

## Tips for Success

### Embrace diversity

These jobs often requires a lot of interaction with highly diverse populations including different social, ethnic, educational and political views, as well as other varying groups of people.

### Develop emotional stability

Because these roles often require interfacing with people who are enduring a time of personal crisis, it is important to feel emotionally balanced and respond appropriately and dependably in highly stressful situations.

### Consider pursuing a graduate degree

A graduate degree will help you take advantage of the highest paying opportunities, as well as the roles with the most leadership and responsibility.

### Know the application process

Start early! It can take one year or more to secure a job within government sectors and involves a rigorous interview process. Having your fingerprint clearance card upfront can help when applying for jobs.

### Uphold the law

Having a misdemeanor or felony on your record can disqualify you from many government positions. To ensure you have a chance at employment, keep your record clean.

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### Possible Career Fields

Advocacy  
Attorney  
Community Engagement  
Counseling/Mental Health  
Education  
Global Health  
Government  
Fundraising/Development  
Grant Writing  
Health Policy  
Humanitarian  
Intelligence/Counterterrorism  
International Development  
International Relations  
Law Enforcement/Homeland Security/Justice  
Lobbying  
National/ International Service  
Outdoor Recreation/Education  
Paralegal  
Political Campaigns  
Public Policy  
Social Work  
Volunteer Management

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### Professional Associations

There are several local and national professional associations connected to this Career Interest Area. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in your field of interest, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered. Some are free to join and others may offer student rates to become a member.

- **American Mental Health Counselors Association**
- **Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education**
- **International Association of Emergency Managers**
- **National Organization for Human Services**
- **The Tourism Society**

### Next Steps

Try searching for internships on **Handshake** or volunteer opportunities with **VolunteerMatch**.

### Student Organizations @ ASU

Student organizations are another great way to get connected with fellow students with similar interests. Many student clubs bring potential employers to speak at meetings, host career-related events, and offer professional development opportunities. Check **Sun Devil Sync** for more information on joining student organizations.

- **Action for America**
- **Association of Fundraising Professionals**
- **Devils Pitching In**
- **Law Society for Human Rights**
- **Local to Global Justice**
- **Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Association**
- **Peace Corps Club**
- **Pre-Law Society**
- **Social Work Student Organization**
- **Sun Devil Mock Trial**
- **Undergraduate Student Government**

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