

# Career Tendencies and National Certificate Acquisition of Social Work Students : Desired and Final Employment and the Certified Social Worker National Examination

## **Abstract**

To gain future insight for educational guidance with regard to career tendencies and national certificate acquisition of social work students, this study aimed to compare existing data on students' desired employment during enrollment as well as final employment after actual graduation, and data on taking as well as passing the Certified Social Worker national examination. To achieve this objective, related data from year X and year Y graduates of the social work program at university A was re-processed and analyzed. The results clearly show that a consistent will for employment in the profession is important for both taking and passing the national examination. Therefore, the discussion identified raising and keeping awareness towards employment in social work as major tasks in student guidance. Furthermore, it is pointed out that while engaging in professional training that responds to domestic and international trends, it is also necessary to provide diverse educational choices that can satisfy diversifying student needs.