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PRAISE FOR THE FIRST EDITION:"This is a vital and necessary guide to the social work profession. This book clarifies the social work mission, goals, and objectives, and strengthens and promotes them as well."oacute;Carmen Ortiz Hendricks, MSW, DSW, ACSW, LCSWProfessor Dean, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University"The authors do an excellent job of illustrating the uniqueness, diversity, and richness of the profession. I strongly recommend this book for use in social work orientation, advising, and education."oacute;Saundra Starks, EdD, LCSW, Professor, Western Kentucky UniversityWhat do documentary filmmakers, conflict mediators, forensic social workers, researchers, mental health practitioners, human services administrators, medical social workers, and policy advocates have in common? They are all potential careers for social workers. The second edition of this popular guide to social work careers has been completely updated and expanded to reflect current trends in social work education and social work practice, including the employment outlook in various fields of practice, current accreditation standards, core competencies, and licensing requirements, along with new opportunities for social workers resulting from health care reform and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. With a focus on the interdisciplinary nature of social work, the book describes both traditional careers and those that are off the beaten path in such arenas as forensic social work, social entrepreneurship, working in political systems, international careers, and community practice.Well organized and written in a conversational tone, each chapter describes a particular social work domain, illustrating specific careers within that field including best features, challenges, required core competencies and skills, and educational and licensing requirements needed to succeed. For each career the book also discusses employment outlook and includes recommended references for more in-depth information. Vivid stories from social workers across the country further help readers to choose a career that is a good fit. Additionally, the book includes updated job-hunting tools and websites, including international opportunities, and ways to offset the high cost of higher education. Questionnaires and self-assessment checklists provide additional fodder to help readers choose a social work career tailored to their unique talents, interests, and passions.New to the Second Edition:Presents updated accreditation standards, core competencies, and licensing requirementsDescribes new opportunities for social workers resulting from health care reform and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care ActDiscusses the impact of our current social, economic, and political climate on the professionIncludes new career-planning and job-hunting toolsAddresses how students can offset the high cost of higher education

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