**SOCIAL WORK AS A SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL FIELD AND SPECIFICS**

**IN THE TRAINING OF FUTURE SPECIALISTS**

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***Abstract****. This study considers the need to theorize social work, and its foundation on the ideas of psychoanalysis as a possible theoretical paradigm. The results of an empirical study conducted among students and basic specialists in the major of Social Activities are presented in order to increase the eff ectiveness of practical training and the readiness of young people to realize themselves in the profession.*

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