

## Difference Between Role and Status



- Every person has various roles to perform in his family and the society and every role has duties and responsibilities.
- Status refers to the honor or prestige accorded to a role in the society.
- Status is the rank in social hierarchy while role is the behavior that is expected of a person.

*A doctor in a society has both a status and a role to perform. Role is obviously the duties and responsibilities attached with the position while status is the prestige or the lack of it attached with that position. For example, a doctor is perceived as a protector and a person who is honored by the society because of the role he performs.*