

# Welcome to the MSW Program!



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## MSW Online Clinical Specialization:

- Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (IFG)

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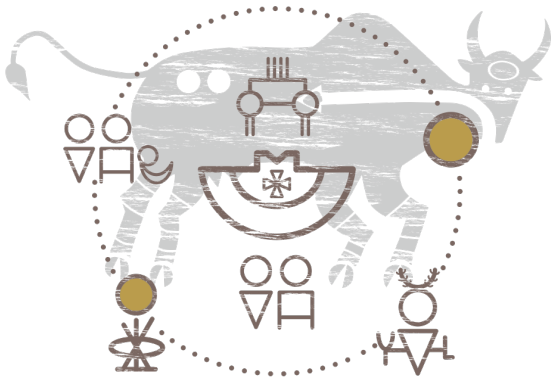
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# Land Acknowledgement

*Our students, staff and academic staff are located all across Canada, and other locations on Indigenous lands.*

*We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples, presently subject to Treaties 6, 7, and 8. Namely: the Blackfoot Confederacy – Kainai, Piikani, and Siksika – the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, Stoney Nakoda, and the Tsuut'ina Nation and the Métis People of Alberta. This includes the Métis Settlements and the 22 districts of the Métis Nation of Alberta within the historical Northwest Metis Homeland.*

*We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit who have lived in and cared for these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.*



# Agenda and Introductions



Take a minute to reflect on the following:

What are you most looking forward to in the next year of your MSW journey?

What is one thing that worries or concerns you about the year ahead?

What is one thing you will do to support your own success in the program? To support the success of your classmates?

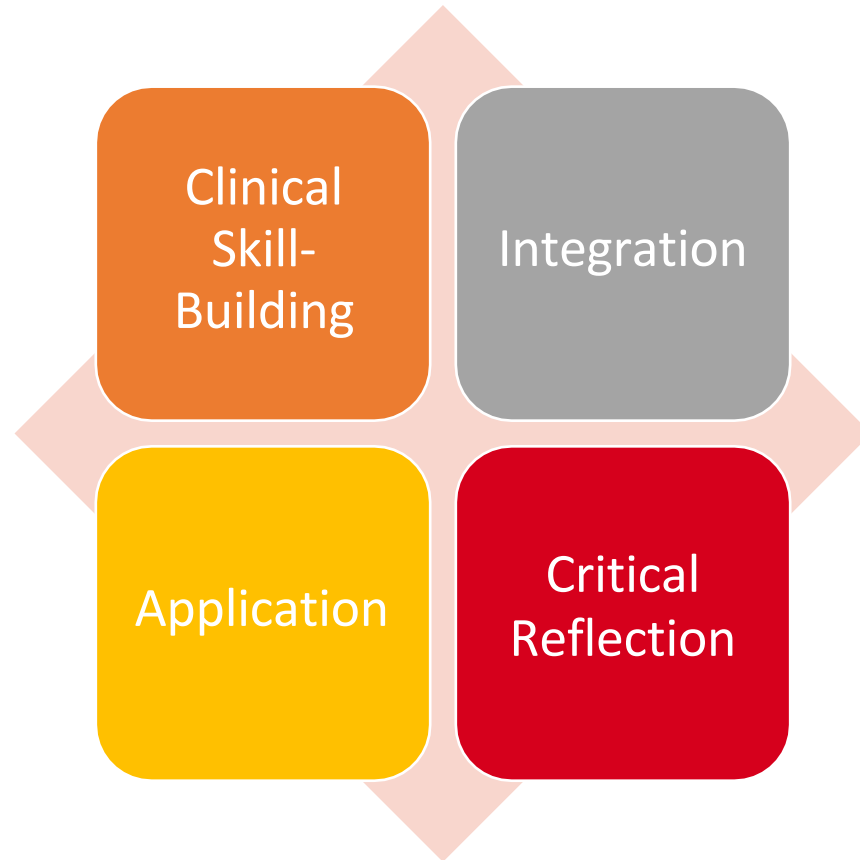
Embarking on your MSW Journey

# Introductions

## In Small Groups:

- Introduce yourself to the people in your small group.
  - e.g., name, where you are, one thing about you
- Take some time to discuss the following questions you just reflected on
  - What you're looking forward to
  - What concerns or worries you
  - How you will support your own success and the success of your classmates

# Program Overview



# MSW Focus: Advanced Clinical Practice

# Twelve Courses in Three Clusters





# Timeline: Overview

Year 1: Spring/Summer & Fall 2024

Advanced Social Work Practice

Winter 2025

Specialization

Year 2: Spring/Summer 2025

Specialization

Fall 2025 & Winter 2026

FIRE

- Course-based: 24-months
- Thesis-based: Year 2 fall/winter = 2 thesis courses (online), optional practicum; Year 3 = thesis research

# Advanced Social Work Practice

## Spring (Residency: May 28-31)/Summer/Fall 2024

Spring 2024: SOWK 600 Social Justice & Theory

- Sheliza Ladhani or Linda Kongnetiman

Summer 2024: SOWK 602 Research and Philosophy

- Monica Sesma-Vazquez or Alysia Wright

Fall 2024: SOWK 604 Advanced Practice Theories

- Alan McLuckie or TBD

Fall 2024: SOWK 606 Advanced Policy Practice

- TBD

# Specialization Courses

Winter 2025 (Virtual Residency: January 24-25)

Spring/Summer 2025 (Residency: June 23-26)

Winter 2025: SOWK 601 Clinical Work with Individuals

- Heather Boynton

Winter 2025: SOWK 603 Clinical Work with Families

- Monica Sesma-Vazquez

Spring/Summer 2025: SOWK 605 Clinical Work with Groups

- TBA

Spring/Summer 2025: SOWK 607 Clinical Work with Other Professionals

- TBA

**Say hello to your  
student advisor!**

# Krista Osborne

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Practicum Introduction

**FIRE: Fall 2025 & Winter 2026**  
Field Practicum, Integrative Seminar,  
Research Applications & Exit Requirement

Virtual Residencies:  
Sept. 5-6, 2025 & April 10-11, 2026

**SOWK 660 Advanced Practicum**

**SOWK 662 Integrative Seminar**

# About FIRE

500+ hour-practicum over fall and winter

- 20-40 hours per week (3, 4, or 5 days per week)

## Integrative Seminar

- Focus on **process and content** (e.g., practice experience and evaluation)
- All **assignments** build towards helping you develop and articulate your sense of integration across all areas of social work
- **Exit requirement may include** a paper, portfolio and/or presentation to articulate model of practice and demonstrate application through embedded case study
- Assignments and capstone format will be described in your SOWK 662 course outline



## What to expect

You will hear from the Field Education Team **early in January 2025** with information about what the practicum process will look like for your location in Fall 2025. Please watch your email carefully!



# MSW Thesis Information Session

This session is for students admitted to the thesis-based MSW only. Meet the thesis coordinator and student advisors to discuss thesis requirements and procedures. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and connect with other MSW thesis students.

**Thursday, May 23, 2024**

**Noon – 1 pm**

**Zoom:** <https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/97968320790?pwd=MnJHSjBhUnUyVXZXRVJkdINPS256QT09>

# Thank You!

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Questions?



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