



FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Leadership: Certificate

Fall 2025 Orientation



FSW Value Statements

We **acknowledge** that we are all treaty people, and are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territories and historic homeland of the First Nations and Metis peoples of Treaty 6, 7, and 8.

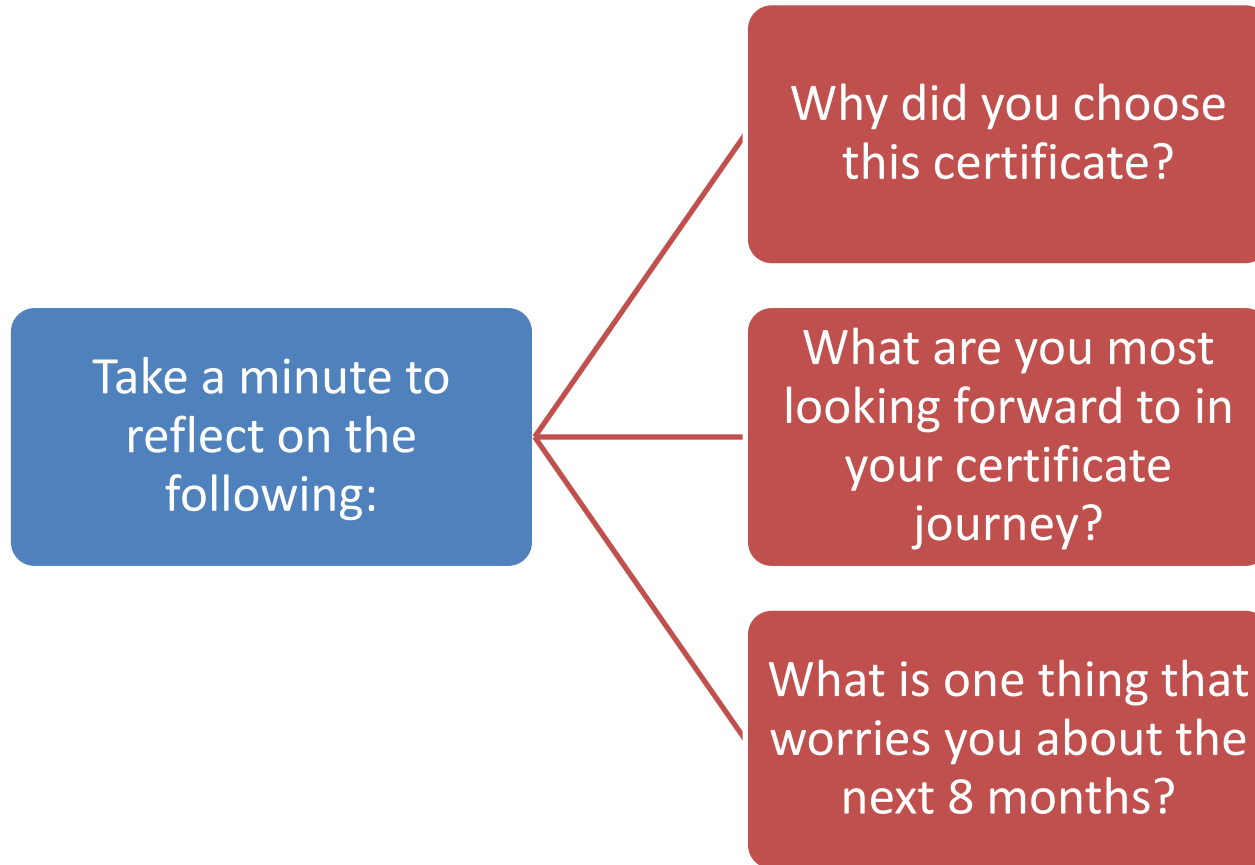
We strongly **oppose and condemn** anti-Black and systemic racism, white supremacy and discrimination in all its forms. We seek to eliminate inequities experienced by Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, those who self-identify as LGBTQ, and all those who experience barriers to their education due to socioeconomic, caregiving, religious, and cultural discrimination.



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- Welcome and Introductions
- Icebreaker
- Certificate Overview
- Certificate Delivery
- Academic Expectations
- Course Intros
- Laddering Pathway
- Q & A





Embarking on your Graduate Certificate Journey

- 4 courses over 8 months
 - ❖ 2 courses in Fall term
 - ❖ 2 courses in Winter term
 - ❖ Courses run sequentially
 - ❖ Must pass each course to move to the next course

- Blended learning
 - ❖ Synchronous and asynchronous learning
 - ❖ Scheduled class times: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30PM – 8:30PM

- More than professional development
- Time commitment (weekly readings/prep, asynchronous learning activities & Zoom sessions plus assignments)
- Fixed deadlines for course completion
- Academic writing (Student Success Centre)
- Referencing (APA 7th edition)
- Academic misconduct

- B- (75-79%) is a minimum pass for students in graduate studies
- Students who accumulate two grades of B- or lower can be required by the Faculty to withdraw from the program
- Active engagement
- Self-directed inquiry
- Critical thinking, reflection & integration

- The Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Leadership certificate consists of 4 courses, SOWK 618, 628, 638, and 658, that will explore ways of being and knowing leading to right relations with Indigenous people.
- The goal of this learning opportunity is for graduate social workers to practice more effectively with Indigenous peoples. Ideally, the biggest benefit is to Indigenous peoples so that they will be supported by social workers that better understand, appreciate and respect them.

- **SOWK 618: Centering Indigenous Knowledge**
- Instructor: Terry Poucette
- E: terry.poucette@ucalgary.ca
- Course dates: September 2 - October 17
- In-person Residency: Wed - Sat, September 3 – 6, 9am - 4pm
- Online: Tuesdays, Zoom: 6pm - 8pm (starting September 9)

SOWK 618 begins with four days of in-person land-based learning. Each day will be facilitated by Elders/Knowledge Keepers from Nations of Treaty 7 and Otipemisiwak Métis Government within Alberta as follows:

- Day 1 (Sept 3) – Tsuut'ina ways of knowing
- Day 2 (Sept 4) – Métis ways of knowing
- Day 3 (Sept 5) – Stoney Nakoda ways of knowing
- Day 4 (Sept 6) – Blackfoot ways of knowing

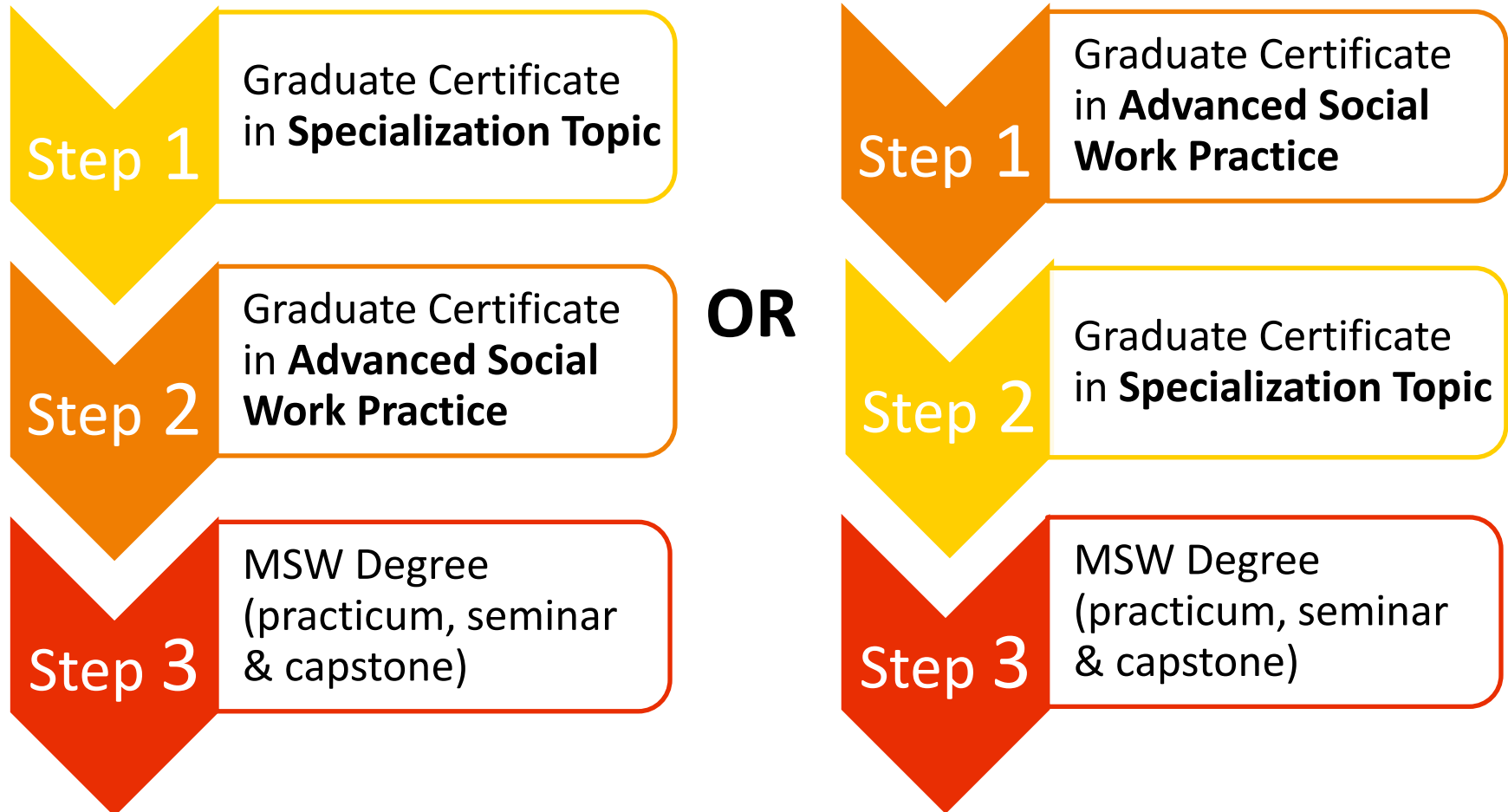
The land-based learning portion of SOWK 618 will be held at Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area located just southwest of Calgary on Highway 22X. <https://www.crossconservation.org/>.

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes early each day.
- You are responsible for your own daily transportation to and from the site.
- You are responsible for your own parking at the site.
- Bring your own seating (e.g. cushion to sit on, camping chair) and a blanket.
- Bring your own lunch and beverages for each of the four days.
- For women, bring a shawl and long skirt for ceremonial purposes in case the Elders do ceremony during their facilitation.
- Check the weather and dress accordingly. Sunglasses, bug spray or umbrella might come in handy.

- **SOWK 628: Legacies of Colonization**
- Instructor: Leeann Hilsen
- E: lhilsen@ucalgary.ca
- Course dates: October 20 - December 5
- Online: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Zoom: 6pm - 8pm

- **SOWK 638: Relational Healing Practices**
- Instructor: Marlyn Bennett
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- Course dates: January 12 - February 27
- Online: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Zoom: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

- **SOWK 658: Shifting Leadership Perspectives**
- Instructor: Terry Poucette
- E: terry.poucette@ucalgary.ca
- Course dates: March 2 - April 14
- In-Person Residency: Thursday & Friday, April 9 & 10, 9am - 4pm
- Online: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Zoom: 6pm - 8pm



Laddering Information Session

Save the Date

- Online Information Session
- Monday, October 6th, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
 - Eligible certificate students (completed 2 certificates, or completed 1 and enrolled in their 2nd)
- What will be covered:
 - Dates and deadlines
 - Admission requirements
 - Laddering final year components (Practicum/Fire details)
- [Apply Now Laddering Pathway | Faculty of Social Work | University of Calgary \(ucalgary.ca\)](#)

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Resources

- [Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Leadership](#)
- [Graduate Certificate Timetables](#)
- [Graduate Certificate Course Outlines](#)
- [Fall 2025 Orientation](#)
- [How to Pay your Tuition and Fees](#)

Questions?