

# Welcome to the MSW Program!



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## MSW Calgary Foundation Program

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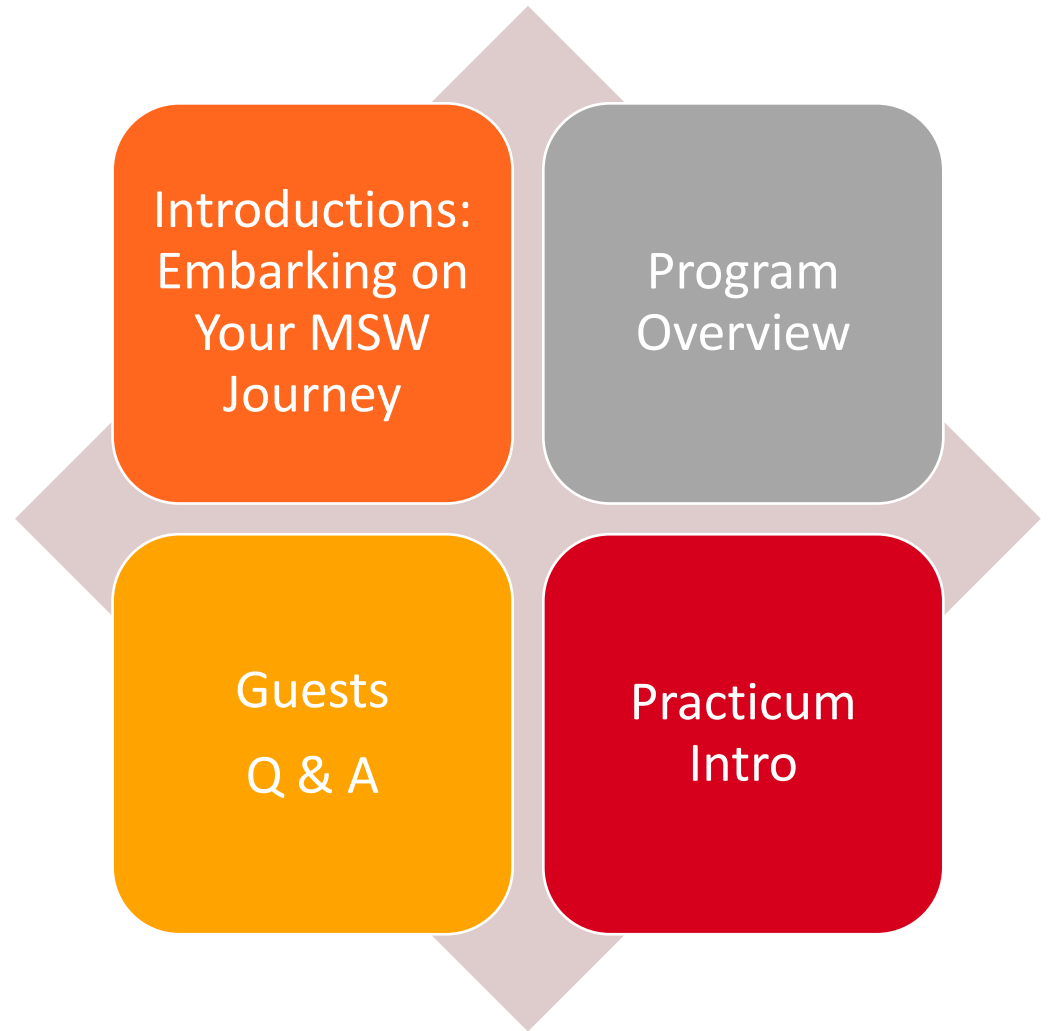
# Land Acknowledgement

*Our students, staff and faculty are located all across Alberta, Canada, and other locations on Indigenous lands. In Alberta, we are on the traditional territories of the people of 45 First Nations in three treaty areas Treaty 6, 7 and Treaty 8, and the homeland of the Metis Nation, Regions 3 and 4!*

*We are grateful to our Indigenous peoples for the privilege of working, learning, and living on these lands.*

# Agenda

and panel  
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?

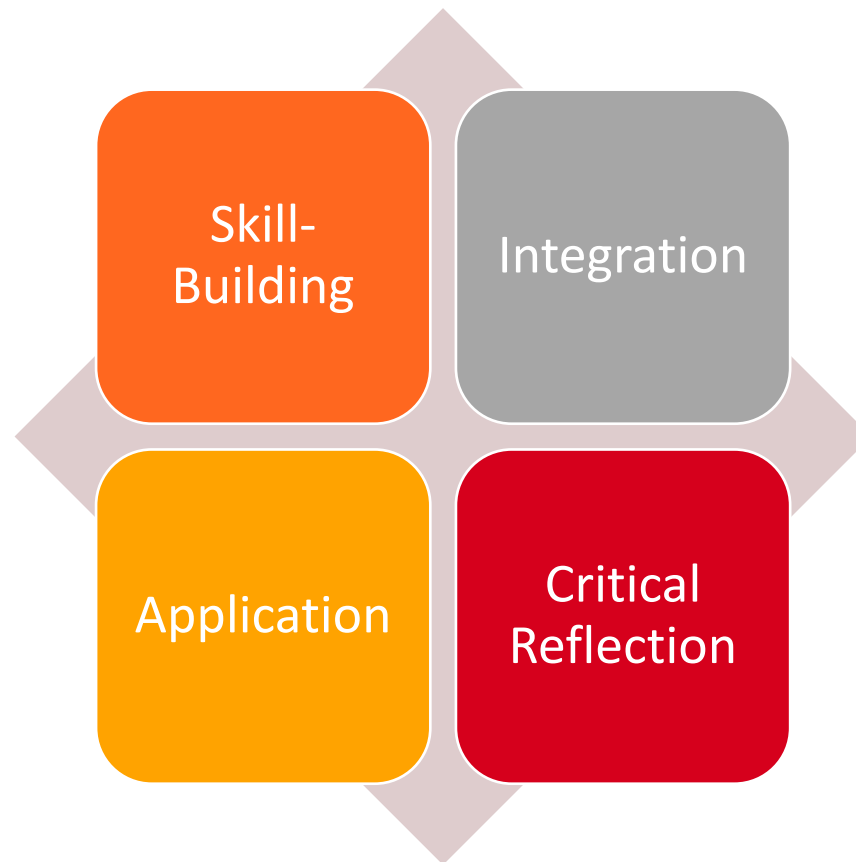
# Embarking on your MSW Journey

# 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

# MSW Program Overview



# Spring & Summer 2023

## SOWK 621 - History & Foundation of the Profession

- May 3-June 15, Thursday, 9-4 pm
- Instructor: Alicia Kalmanovitch

## SOWK 632 - Social Policy & Social Justice

- May 3- June 15, Tuesday, 9-4
- Instructor: Francis Boakye

## SOWK 645 - Issues in Social Work Research

- Jun 26 - Jul 14, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-4 pm.
- Instructor: Alicia Wright

# Fall & Winter

## Fall Term: 2023

- SOWK 625 – Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups
  - Instructor: Dora Tam
- SOWK 627 – Practice with Organizations & Communities
- SOWK 637 – Human Behaviour in the Environment
- SOWK 641 – Models of Practice
  - Instructor: Beth Archer-Kuhn

## Winter Term: 2024

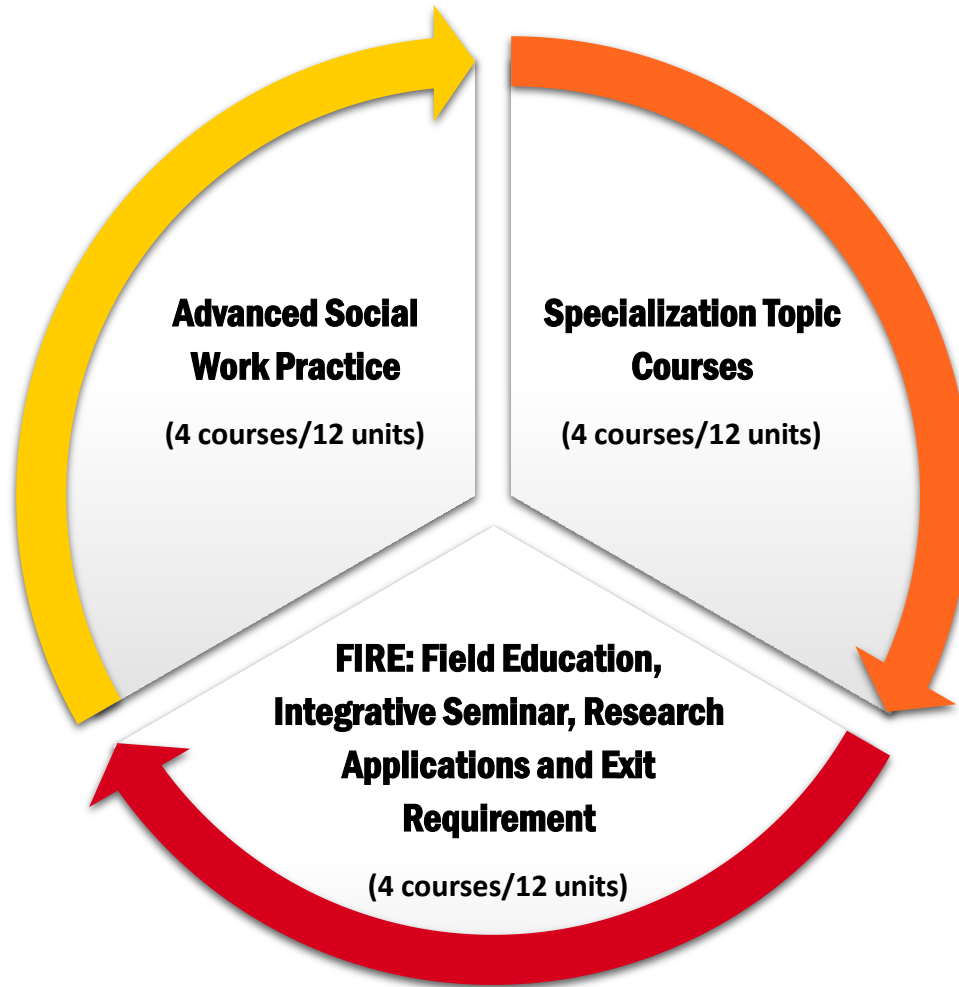
- SOWK 629 – Professional Communication & Interviewing
  - Instructor: Ajwang Warria
- SOWK 633 – Foundation Practicum & Seminar (450 hours of practicum which includes 26 hours of seminar)
- Field Education Coordinator: Carrie Blaug



# Program Overview: Specialization Year

- Adult Mental Health

# Twelve Courses in Three Clusters



# Specialization 1 Year Program: Clinical SW Practice

Spring/Summer 2024

Advanced Social  
Work Practice

Fall/Winter 2024/25

Specialization Courses

FIRE

- Course-based: 12-months following Foundation year, in-person delivery
- Thesis route: 2 thesis courses instead of FIRE, thesis research and optional practicum in Year 3

# Spring/Summer 2024: Advanced Social Work Practice

**SOWK 600:** Social Justice & Theory in Advanced SW Practice

**SOWK 602:** Research & Philosophy in Advanced SW Practice

**SOWK 604:** Advanced Practice Theories

**SOWK 606:** Advanced Policy Practice

# Fall 2024/Winter 2025

## Specialization: Adult Mental Health

SOWK 630 - Clinical Social Work Practice with  
Mental Health & Addictions



SOWK 631 - Mental Health & Addiction Practice  
with Transitional Age Populations



SOWK 634 - Mental Health & Addiction Practice  
with Diverse Populations and Complex Contexts



SOWK 635 - Mental Health & Addiction Practice  
with Adult Populations

# Fall 2024/Winter 2025: FIRE!

**F**ield Practicum, **I**ntegrative Seminar,  
**R**esearch Applications & **E**xit Requirement

**Say hello to your student  
advisor!**

# Carrie Blaug

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Practicum Introduction  
Winter 2024: SOWK 633



# FIRE - Practicum and Seminar

The purpose of the practicum is to provide students with opportunities to **develop, integrate, and reinforce** social work **competence** through **supervised practice**.

The practicum promotes **integration of the theory and skills** students learn in the classroom with their professional practice and social work identity.

Regular, on-going supervision is critical in supporting the learning, skill development and professional growth of students in practicum.





# FIRE: Fall 2024 & Winter 2025

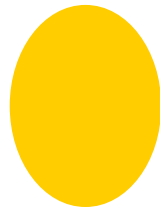
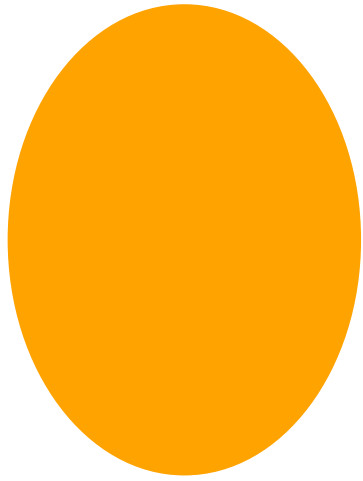
## Field Practicum, Integrative Seminar, Research Applications & Exit Requirement

### SOWK 660: Advanced Practicum

- 3 – 5 days per week (minimum 20 – maximum 40 hours per week)
- 500 hour-practicum in Fall 2024 and Winter 2025

### SOWK 662: Integrative Seminar

- Focus on process and content
- All (graded) assignments build towards helping you develop and articulate your sense of integration across all areas of social work
- Integration and the exit requirement will be worked on throughout the Integrative Seminar Course



Thank You! | Questions?

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