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Welcome to the MSW program!

International and Community Development Specialization: International Social Development

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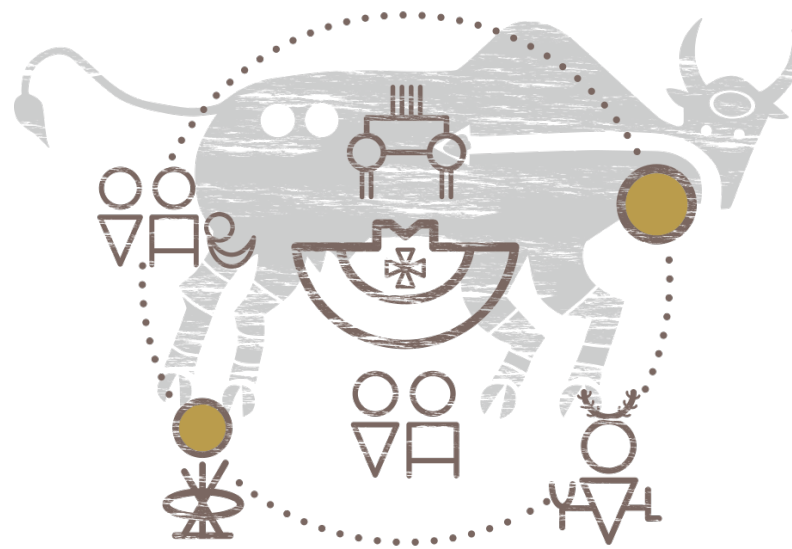
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Land Acknowledgement

Our students, staff and academic staff 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 8, 7 and treaty 6.

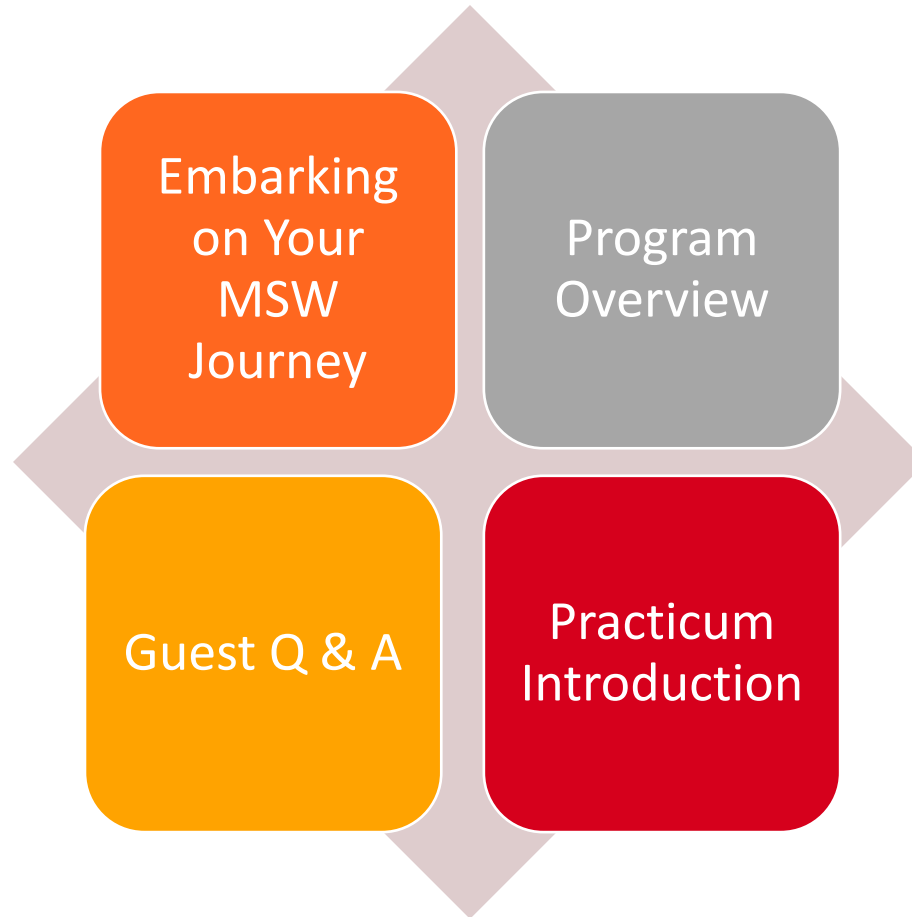
In the Calgary area, we acknowledge and thank the traditional territories of the Blackfoot and Treaty 7 peoples of Southern Alberta, including the Siksika, Piikuni, Kainai, Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, including Chiniki, Bearspaw and Wesley First Nation. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

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



Introduction of your team for tonight's session

Agenda and Introductions



Embarking on your MSW Journey

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 are some strategies you will take to support your own success in the program?
To support the success of your classmates?

Introductions

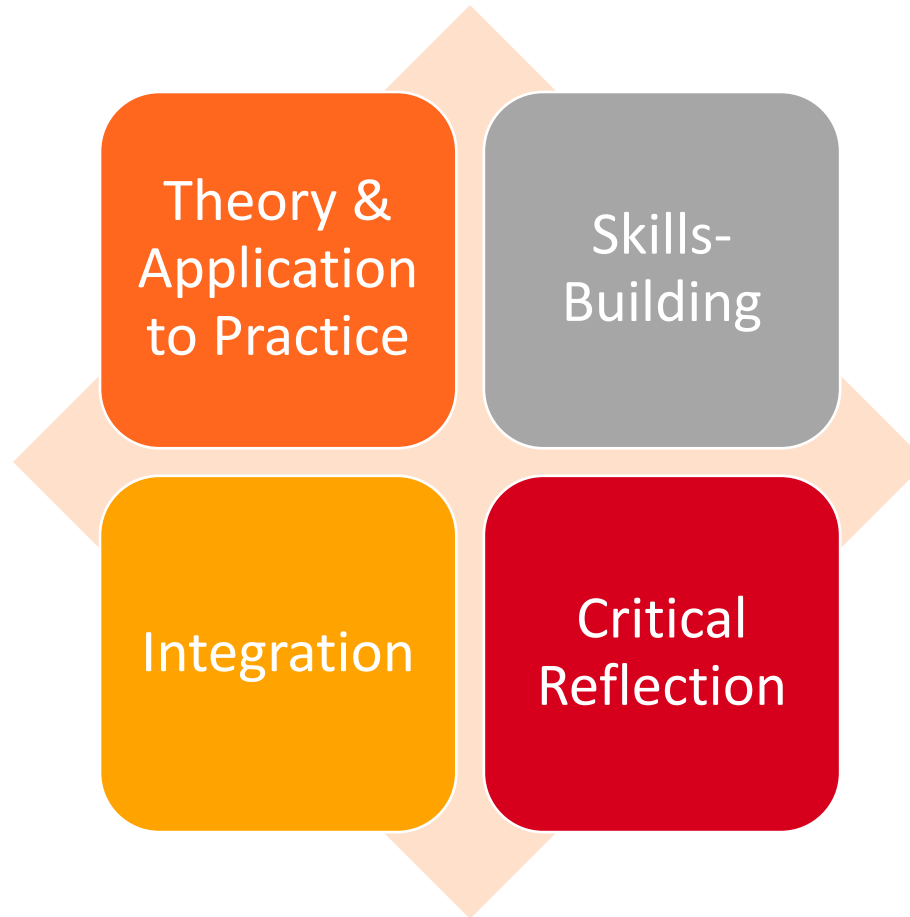
In Small Groups:

- Introduce yourself to the people in your small group.
 - e.g., name, where you are, **fascinating** fact 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 Specialization:

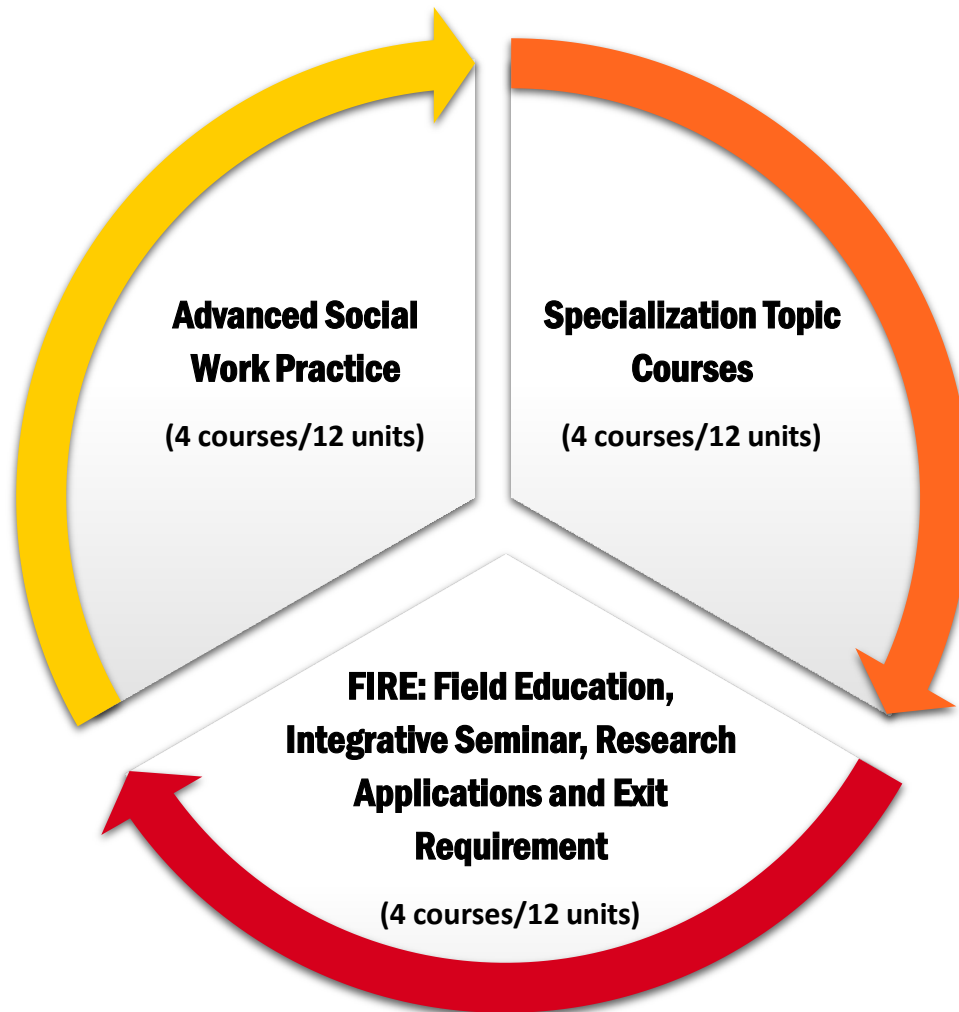
International and Community Development



International and Community Development: International Social Development

- Social work lens to examine and engage with policies, practices and ethical approaches to working with diverse populations in global and local contexts.
- Analyze the social forces, structures, systems and international institutions that give rise to different models of social development.
- Explore and build skills to apply alternative intervention strategies and methods.
- Sustainable development issues, gender-based violence, conflict, displacement, debt, disasters, and global Indigenous movements, are among the topics to be explored, from community development to project design and policy analysis.

Twelve Courses in Three Clusters



Timeline: Overview

Year 1: Spring/Summer & Fall

Advanced Social Work Practice

Winter

Specialization

Year 2: Spring/Summer

Specialization

Fall/Winter

FIRE

- Course-based: 24-months, fully online or blended delivery
- Thesis route: Year 2 fall/winter = 2 thesis courses (online);
Year 3 fall/winter = thesis research

Spring/Summer/Fall 2023: Advanced Social Work Practice

Spring 2023: SOWK 600

- Social Justice & Theory in Advanced SW Practice
- Instructor: Regine King

Summer 2023: SOWK 602

- Research & Philosophy in Advanced SW Practice
- Instructor: Dora Tam

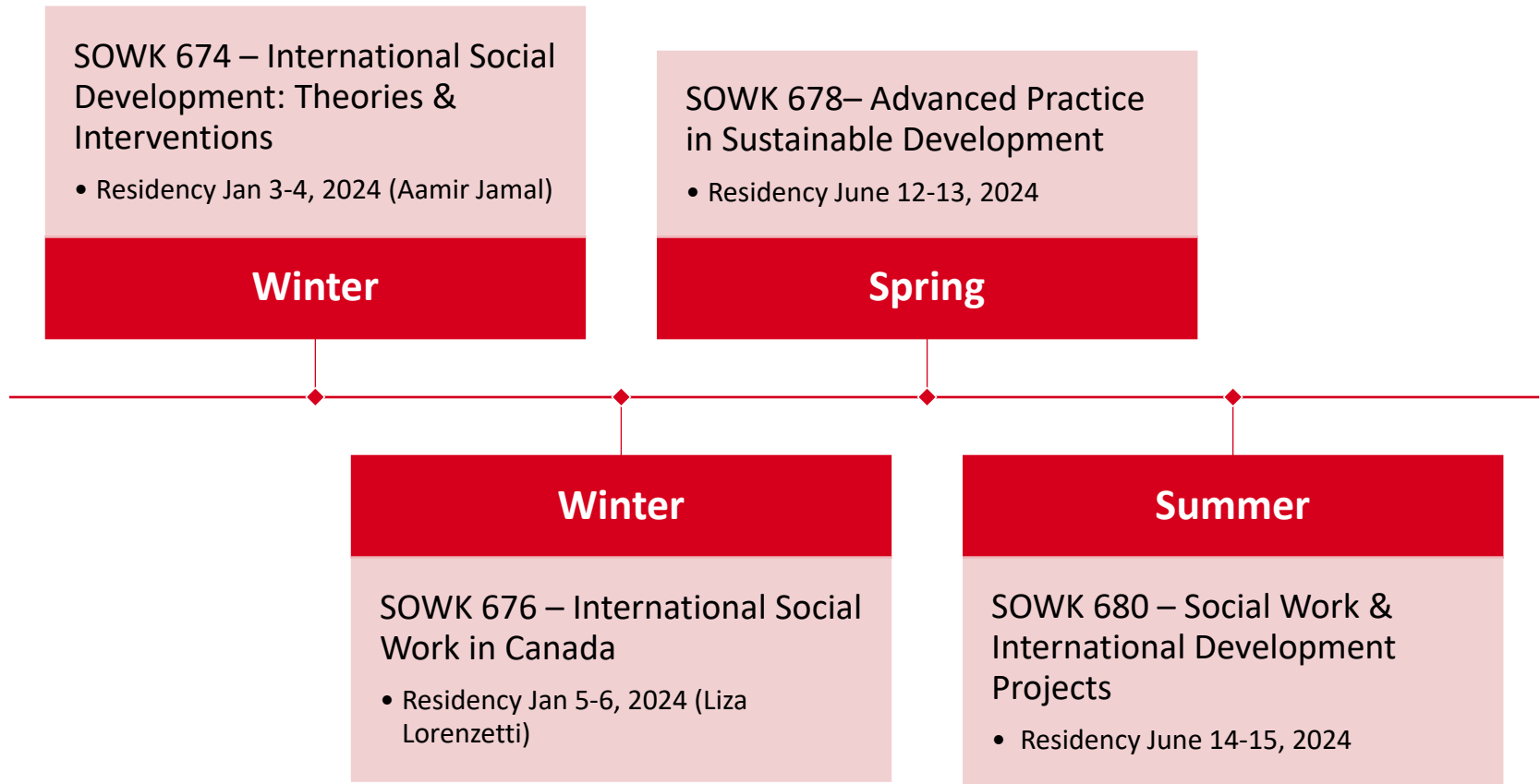
Fall 2023: SOWK 604

- Advanced Practice Theories
- Instructor: TBA

Fall 2023: SOWK 606

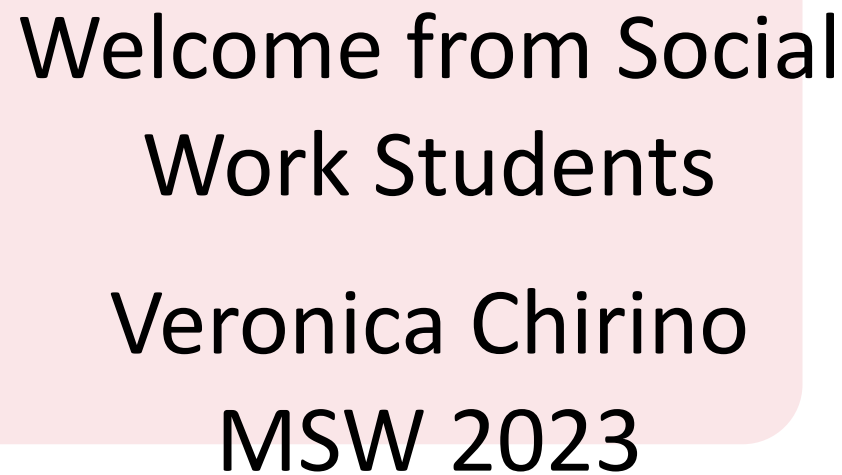
- Advanced Policy Practice
- Instructor: Hieu Ngo

Winter/Spring/Summer 2024: International Social Development



**Say hello to your student
advisor!**

Guests



Welcome from Social
Work Students
Veronica Chirino
MSW 2023



Amy Fulton

Practicum Introduction

Practicum

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

Virtual Residency April 4-5, 2025

SOWK 660 – Clinical 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

Field Education Manual – Please Review

Web link to the Field Education Manual:

(includes policies governing all MSW Practica offered
by the Faculty of Social Work)

<https://socialwork.ucalgary.ca/field-education/policy-manual-other-documents>



Role of Field Education Coordinator

Coordinators of Field Education:

- Work cooperatively with **agencies**; assess for affiliation as a field placement;
- Provide consultation to **students, field instructors, and faculty**;
- Coordinate the **field instructor approval** process;
- Plan and implement the process for **students' selection** into field placements;
- Plan educational **events** for field instructors.



Field Instructor Requirements

Social worker approval as field instructor

- MSW degree & RSW (in provinces where required by law)
- Provide 1 hour of supervision for every 15 hours in practicum (approximately 1-2 hours per week)
- Can have co-field instructors (maximum of 2 field instructors per placement)



Practicum in the Place of Employment

- Requires clear separation between employee and student role
 - Different agency area or program
 - Field instructor usually different from regular supervisor
 - Focus needs to be on new learning
 - Exception is a new job starting no earlier than May 1, 2024 that also meets practicum criteria
- Approval process:
 - Detailed practicum proposal – including learning objectives, signed by your practicum supervisor, yourself and the workplace supervisor
- Proposal Deadline: May 2024



External Co-Supervision

- Students may have an opportunity to work with more than one field instructor (also known as practicum supervisor)
- Students may be assigned an on-site instructor and be paired with an external field instructor who works outside of the agency.
- The external field instructor is located off-site (outside the agency or organization), and holds a MSW credential (as well as RSW in provinces where required).
- The external field instructor provides educational supervision from a social work perspective, supporting students in integrating theory and practice, critically reflecting on their practicum and practice, and developing as a professional. They provide feedback on the creation of the learning agreement and participate in evaluation meetings. They do not directly observe the students in practice, or assign students roles or tasks in the agency.
- May be provided virtually/remotely

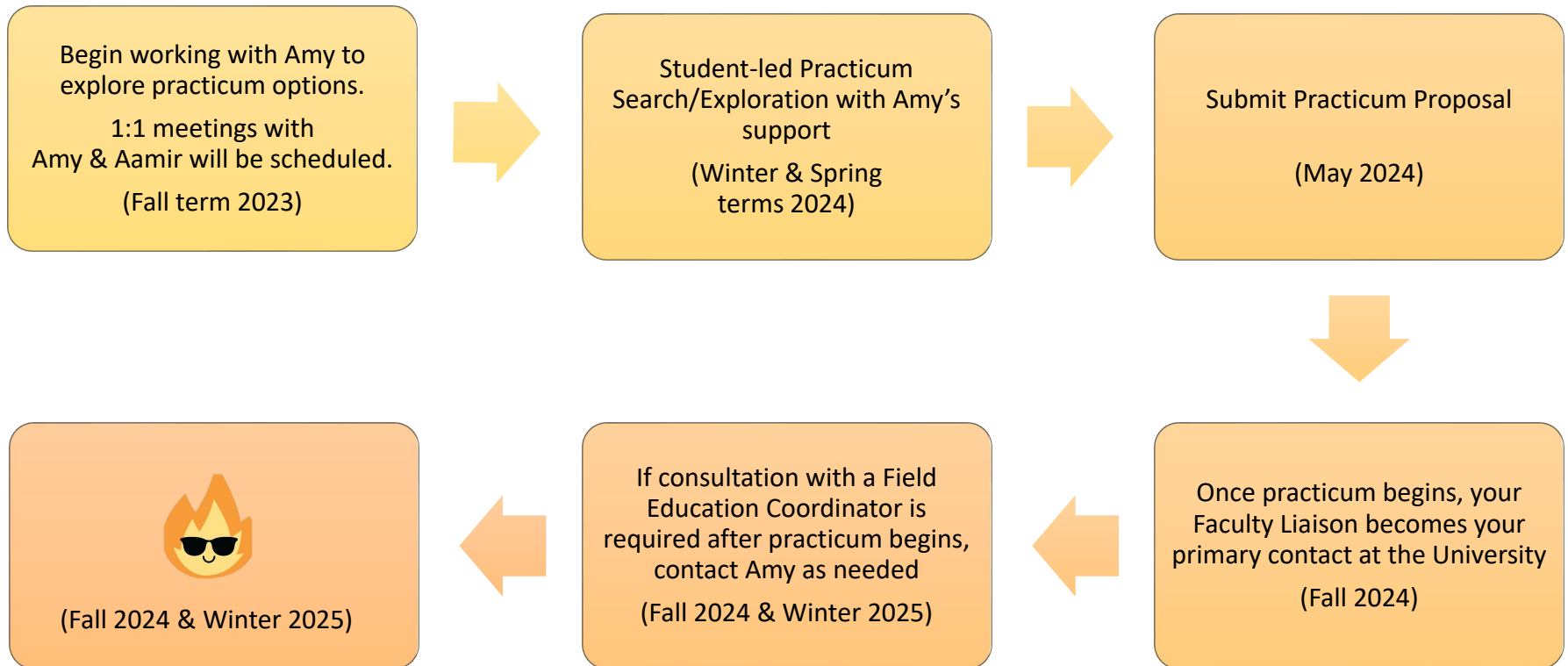


Intern Placement Tracker (IPT)

- Online database (www.runiptca.com)
- Allows students, field instructors, faculty liaisons and field education coordinators to complete tasks:
 - Keeping relevant practicum and contact information up-to-date
 - Completing forms online i.e. learning agreement, timesheets, etc.
 - ICD has its own IPT database. Everyone will receive new log-in information in fall 2023.



MSW Placement Process

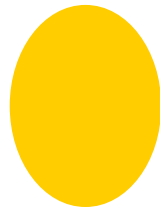
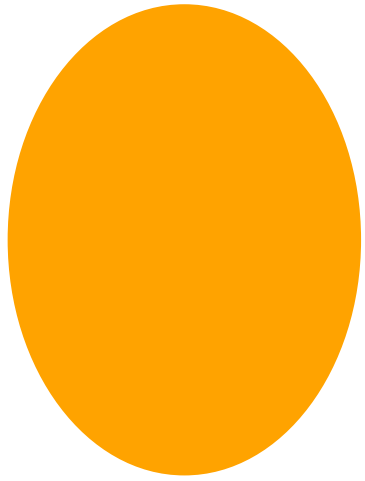


Questions?

I will be in contact with you over email in the Fall to begin our work together on practicum coordination.

In the meantime, if you have practicum questions please contact me at aefulton@ucalgary.ca





Thank You!

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