



# School of Social Work

FACULTY OF ARTS

The UBC School of Social Work acknowledges that we are located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) people. The School logo designed by Ray Sims, a member of the Musqueam Nation, depicts Raven transforming into a human child. Raven is seen to be the most magical of all beings with the ability to shapeshift into anything at will. The most frequent form Raven takes is that of a human. Through adventures, Raven creates much of what we have around us. Humans learn much and acquire much knowledge of life and living through learning the orals associated with Raven's adventures and misadventures, for Raven intentionally, as well as inadvertently, has created much by making mistakes.

*School Vision: Building upon a foundation of social justice and an ethic of care, we are a community of learners actively engaged in the development of critical, transformative knowledge for social work practice.*

## BSW Mission

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program addresses issues of power and issues of discrimination based on age, race, gender, sexual orientation, class and culture. The educational objective of the BSW curriculum is to provide students with the knowledge, values and skills necessary for an initial level of professional practice, focusing on the interface between personal problems and public issues. Critical thinking and structural analysis are central to the learning experience offered by the School and to the promotion of social justice and human well-being.

## COURSE INFORMATION

<b>Year/Term/Dates</b>	Summer 2022
<b>Course Title</b>	SOWK 315: Practicum I; 6 credits
<b>Course Schedule</b>	Field Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays for 350 hours. Exact start date to be negotiated with agency.
<b>Course Location</b>	Host agency

Instructor	Office Location	Office Phone	Email Address	Office Hours
Nadia Kyba	n/a	604.788.3547	nkyba@mail.ubc.ca	Before or after seminars and by appointment

## Prerequisite and/or Corequisite

This course has no prerequisites.

## Course Description

The purpose of SOWK 315 is to learn the core elements of social work, with a focus on macro social work practice and social justice. All students will be placed in a community agency and will contribute to community priorities and the amelioration of complex community-based challenges. The practicum experience will also support the development of competencies necessary for generalist social work practice.

## Learning Outcomes

The 9 core learning objectives for students found in the Canadian Association of Social Work Education (CASWE) Council on Accreditation Standards (page 10) form the basis for evaluation in all programs.

Specifics will vary according to the student’s program (third year or fourth year BSW, MSW), personally identified learning goals, specific placement, and agency, within the 9 areas highlighted below.

1. Identify as a professional social worker and adopt a value perspective of the social work profession.
2. Adhere to social work values and ethics in professional practice.
3. Promote human rights and social justice.
4. Support and enhance diversity by addressing structural sources of inequity.
5. Employ critical thinking in professional practice.
6. Engage in research.
7. Participate in policy analysis and development.
8. Engage in organizational and societal systems change through professional practice.
9. Engage with individuals, families, groups, and communities through professional practice.

Four key areas guide the development of learning objectives and learning activities for field placements: (1) Placement context, (2) Placement content, (3) Personal and professional development and (4) Agency expectations. These key areas align with the above CASWE learning objectives.

## Course Evaluation

Students, in conjunction with their field instructor will post the learning activities that will meet the learning objectives outlined on the Intern Placement Tracking platform (IPT). These learning objectives and outlined evidence of achievement form the basis for evaluation throughout the practicum experience.

Evaluations of learning objectives and evidence of achievement are completed formally by the field instructor and student twice during the practicum. The field instructor and student will complete the Midterm Performance Evaluation form prior to the completion of approximately one-half the hours of the placement and 'sign' the form, which will then be reviewed and signed by the faculty liaison. The Final Performance Evaluation Form will similarly be completed within one week of the completion of the required hours. The hours tally sheet should be completed daily, and 'signed' at the completion of practicum by the student, the field supervisor, and the faculty liaison.

The faculty liaison will meet with the student and field instructor two times (virtually) during the practicum. The specific times will be mutually negotiated, but usually at the beginning and middle of practicum. A final meeting will be scheduled on an as needed basis.

SOWK 315 is graded as a Pass or Fail. The faculty liaison assigns the standing, taking into consideration the field instructor's evaluation and recommendation. A grade will only be submitted when all assignments, evaluations and hours tally sheets have been signed off by the student, the field instructor, and the faculty liaison.

## Course Schedule and Attendance

UBC School of Social Work requires students to complete 350 hours for their 3rd year placement and 378 hours for their 4th year placement, to meet the requirement of the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) of 700 minimum hours of practicum for the BSW degree. The UBC School of Social Work wants students to have a robust field learning experience and therefore we are aiming for students to complete the full 350 hours unless prevented from doing so by public health issues related to COVID-19. Please plan to complete 350 hours in your practicum unless otherwise discussed with your Faculty Liaison. Full and consistent attendance is required in practicum based on the hours the agency is open, and the required number of hours per day as set and as negotiated with the field instructor.

Practicum days are Tuesday to Friday.

Students are allowed one day per term for illness without a make-up requirement. In those circumstances, the student must notify the field supervisor, or designate, as soon as possible. If further leave time is required, both the faculty liaison and the field supervisor must be notified, and hours made up. For an extension of deadline, all parties must agree to a make-up arrangement, including a new deadline. Time taken off for personal reasons must be approved

by the field supervisor and faculty liaison and no credit for hours will be received.

## SCHOOL/COURSE POLICIES

**COVID-19 Safety:** You are required to follow to the Covid-19 Safety protocols at your practicum site.

**If you are sick, it is important that you stay home.**

**If you miss practicum because of illness:**

- Notify your Field Instructor.
- Notify your Faculty Liaison.
- If your practicum site is impacted by covid and it impacts your ability to complete practicum hours, please contact your faculty liaison to discuss how to move forward

## University Policies

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** The University will provide academic accommodation to students with disabilities in accordance with the British Columbia *Human Rights Code*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 210 and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, Part I of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (U.K.), 1982, c. 11. Provision of academic accommodation shall not lower the academic standards of the University. Academic accommodation shall not remove the need for evaluation and the need to meet essential learning outcomes.

Students with a disability who wish to have an accommodations in their field education experience need to contact Centre for Accessibility without delay (see UBC Policy LR7) and notify their field education co-ordinator.

**Support:** UBC provides resources to support student learning and to maintain healthy lifestyles but recognizes that sometimes crises arise and so there are additional resources to access including those for survivors of sexual violence. UBC values respect for the person and ideas of all members of the academic community. Harassment and discrimination are not tolerated nor is suppression of academic freedom. UBC provides appropriate accommodation for students with disabilities and for religious observances. UBC values academic honesty and students are expected to acknowledge the ideas generated by others and to uphold the highest academic standards in all of their actions.

Details of the policies and how to access support are available at:  
<https://senate.ubc.ca/policies-resources-support-student-success>

During the term, I will do my best to offer support if I am concerned about your academic performance or wellbeing. I also encourage you to contact me or your academic advisor if you need assistance. In addition, I may identify concerns using the UBC Early Alert system which provides students with the earliest possible connection to resources like academic advising, financial advising, counseling, or other support services to help you get back on track. Any information transmitted through early alert is treated as confidential (see [earlyalert.ubc.ca](http://earlyalert.ubc.ca)).

**Professional Conduct:** Students in placement are representatives of the University of British Columbia, School of Social Work, and the profession of social work. Safe, ethical, and professional behavior is expected at all times. The School's Professional Conduct Policy; the British Columbia College of Social Work's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice; and the School's Social Media Policy form the basis of professional conduct in practicum. Please ensure you are familiar with all of these policies. These policies can be found in the student handbook [https://socialwork.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2020/12/Handbook\\_Online\\_2020-21.pdf](https://socialwork.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2020/12/Handbook_Online_2020-21.pdf)

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**FURTHER DETAILS FOR FIELD PRACTICUM ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE FIELD EDUCATIONAL MANUAL AT**

**[https://socialwork.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2019/05/FieldEdPolicyManual\\_20190820.pdf](https://socialwork.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2019/05/FieldEdPolicyManual_20190820.pdf)**