

SOWK 255: Practicum II Seminar

6 credits, 3 hours lecture

The student will demonstrate competency of acquired theoretical skills as applied in a field placement. Practicums are organized with consideration of relevant personal or practice backgrounds, learners' academic needs, areas of interest and organization fit. Subject to certain conditions, students may also complete their practicum in their workplace. As part of this course, learners will be supported through scheduled discussions with their practicum instructor and peers. This instructor-guided reflective, integration seminar is designed to support experiential learning. Note: Prior to entering practicum (SOWK 155 and SOWK 255), Social Work faculty evaluate learners using an assessment tool called Professional Suitability or Overall Suitability. Any deficiencies identified will be discussed with students and a collaborative support plan will be implemented to support students in addressing deficiencies. Following the reassessment, if there continues to be deficiencies, students may not be placed in practicum. *Prerequisites and/or co-requisites: See course calendar*

Instructor

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Office Hours

Due to the nature of this term, office hours will be by appointment.

Hours of Instruction

Friday 12:00 pm- 2:50 pm

Room SYNCEN 110

Required Resources

Course readings will be provided.

Course Outcomes

By attending the weekly practicum seminar meetings, and partaking in the practicum placement hours, students will be provided the opportunity to learn about the helping profession in a safe and supportive manner. Additionally, students will:

- Develop skills for working within a human service agency
- Develop skills in relationship building
- Practice human services practice skills
- Take responsibility for their learning
- Understand and work within the parameters of a professional Code of Ethics
- Have an understanding of the role of a social worker
- Develop a sound understanding of how social service agencies deliver programs to populations in need
- Understand the function of human service agencies in our society
- Have some understanding of funding sources for social service delivery

- Have a sound understanding of how social service agencies deliver programs to populations in need
- Understand how social service agencies work together to address individual and societal problems
- Understand how agencies connect to other services in the community
- Recognize the differences in delivery models of social service agencies
- Identify support agencies for appropriate follow-up service
- Understand the limitations of agencies to meet all client needs
- Integrate theory into practice and blend practice with theory
- Demonstrate a high level of self-awareness in relation to their work with clients
- Apply concepts, principles and theories to their field work
- Show a commitment to the helping profession
- Demonstrate the ability to build working relationships with individuals, groups, organizations and/or communities
- Demonstrate a beginning ability to work independently
- Show that they have developed a personal practice model which draws on their individual skills and knowledge as well as various theoretical orientations
- Practice helping in a highly ethical and culturally sensitive manner
- Understand the importance of the natural helper
- Work effectively within various systems
- Understand policy and procedure of social agencies and how policy and procedure affect individuals that they work with
- Develop and practice effective problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- Understand the importance of observing the person-in-environment
- Understand the written chain of command when conflict/disagreements arise
- Demonstrate a commitment to adhere to ethical standards as set out in the Code of Ethics
- Accept responsibility for his/her learning
- Demonstrate the development of a professional self

Evaluation

PASS: Completion of all 360 hours of practicum
 Completion and submission of the learning journal
 Completion of the practicum presentation
 Completion and submission of Learning Contract
 Completion and submission of all practicum documents
 Satisfactory written evaluations from the practicum placement
 Attendance at all scheduled integration seminars

FAIL: Non-compliance with any of the above

Grading System

Students must achieve a PASS in their practicum to complete the Second year Social Work Program requirements.

Proposed Schedule:

Wk	Date	Topics
1	Jan. 6	Getting Started - Learning Contracts - Developing effective educational and professional goals. - Learning Journal REMEMBER: Learning contracts due Feb 3rd

2	Jan. 13	Putting Skills to Practice Trauma Informed Care
3	Jan. 20	Learning Contracts Developing Effective Educational and Professional Goals
4	Jan. 27	Putting Skills to Practice Part 2 Informed Consent with Minors DUE IN CLASS: Practicum Time Sheets
5	Feb. 3	Documentation DUE IN CLASS: Learning Contracts
6	Feb. 10	Guest Speaker DUE IN CLASS: Learning Journals
7	Feb. 17	Putting Skills to Practice Part 3 DUE IN CLASS: Practicum Time Sheets Practicum Seminar Time Sheets RSW Supervision Time Sheets
8	Feb. 24	Reading Week - no classes
9	Mar. 3	Practice and Theory
10	Mar. 10	Preparing for Social Work Job Interview DUE IN CLASS: Practicum Time Sheets
11	Mar. 17	Practicum Presentations Due
12	Mar. 24	Practicum Presentations
13	Mar. 31	Termination in Practicum DUE IN CLASS: Learning Journals
14	Apr. 7	Final class reflections and celebration DUE IN CLASS: Practicum Time Sheets Practicum Seminar Time Sheets RSW Supervision Time Sheets
15	Apr. 19- 27	Final Exams

Please Note: Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

Performance Requirements and Student Services

Student Responsibilities

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the [Keyano College credit calendar](#). The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and notes that may be due.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own;
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating);
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work;
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications;
- The willful distortion of results or data;
- Substitution in an examination by another person;
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment; and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on ilearn.keyano.ca. Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work may not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

Specialized Supports

The Student Services Department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There are a variety of student supports available at Keyano. Due to the continuing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the offered support services will be implemented through a model to respond to the restrictions in force at the time. In-person and virtual services will be offered. All Alberta Health Services guidelines will be followed for in-person appointments—wear a mask, maintain two meters of physical distance, use hand sanitizer, and stay home if you are unwell.

All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8h30-16h30. The College is closed for statutory holidays. If you require support outside of regular business hours, please inform the support service team, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Accessibility Services: provides accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with a Learning Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact us to request them for the semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact us as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility supports and to book an appointment, please contact accessibility.services@keyano.ca.

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students, as well as technology training and supports to enhance learning. Meet with a Learning Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies for online classes. Schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing accessibility.services@keyano.ca

Wellness Services: offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. Students may access services virtually and in-person.

Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in any of the group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing topics including mindfulness and test anxiety.

Individual appointments can be made by emailing wellness.services@keyano.ca.

Library Services: provides students with research and information supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to support you both online and in-person throughout the semester. For a detailed list of library supports and services, go to www.keyano.ca/library. For all inquiries, please email askthelibrary@keyano.ca or chat with us online.

Begin your research with the [Library's FIND page](#). Search for information and sources for your assignments using the OneSearch, the Library's Catalogue, or by searching in a specific database selected from the [A-Z Database List](#).

Individual support with us is available. For support with citations, research and other information needs, appointments can be booked using the online [Book A Librarian Calendar](#). For support with Moodle, educational tools for assignments, Microsoft Office, Zoom, Teams and more, book an appointment using the online [Educational Technology Support Calendar](#).

Research and subject guides are helpful resources when beginning your research, assignment, using new educational technology, or addressing other information needs. To view a subject or course-specific guide, check out the complete listing of online [Subject Guides](#).

To access additional research resources, including Citation Guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), go to the [Research Help Library page](#).

The Loanable Technology collection is available to support students in their learning pursuits, whether online, in person or both. Items available for borrowing include mobile projectors, webcams, noise-cancelling headphones, Chromebooks, and laptops. For an up-to-date list of technology available for borrowing as well as support available, go to the Library's [Loanable Technology webpage](#).

Academic Success Centre: The Academic Success Centre is a learning space in the Clearwater Campus (CC-119) at Keyano College. Students can gather to share ideas, collaborate on projects, get new perspectives on learning from our Academic Content Specialists, or use the Centre's educational resources. The Academic Success Centre provides academic support services to students registered in credit programs at Keyano College in the form of individual tutoring, writing support groups, facilitated study groups, workshops, and study space. Services are **free** to Keyano students.

Academic Content Specialists are available in the areas of Math, Science, Human Services, and English/Humanities. This covers all courses offered at Keyano. The Academic Success Coach can also be found in the Academic Success Centre.

For the most up to date information on how to book a session, please view [the Keyano Academic Success Centre homepage](#).

Academic Integrity: The goal of the Academic Success Centre is to foster a student's ability to learn effectively and independently. Students registered at Keyano College are welcome to drop by the Centre to visit with any of our Academic Content Specialists to discuss their academic concerns.

Availability: Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Flexible times may be available upon request. Virtual and in-person sessions, please email to get in contact with our Academic Content Specialists. For the most up to date information on how to book a session, please view the [Academic Success Centre homepage](#).

Academic Success Coach: offers you support and access to resources for your academic success to help you to find the Keys to your Success. The Academic Success Coach will work with you to develop an academic success plan, develop your study and time management skills, and connect you with the right resources here at Keyano. Academic.success@keyano.ca is the best way to access resources during blended service delivery. The Academic Success Coach is located in the Skill Centre in CC-119 at the Clearwater Campus.

E-Learning

Technology and internet will impact your online learning experience. It's important that you can watch an online video and other course materials, take online quizzes and participate in a live class with your instructor and other students. Live/virtual classes will be hosted in Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

For all course delivery types, you will access your course resources on Keyano's learning management system, **Moodle (iLearn)**. Login in using your Keyano username and password.

Keyano College operates in a Windows based environment, and having the correct tools for online learning is important. Here's a list of recommended system requirements.

Internet Speed

Minimum Internet speeds of 10 Mbps.

Recommended Internet speeds of 25 Mbps (especially if you are sharing your internet at home).

Check your internet speed with Fast.com.

System requirements:

Microsoft Windows	Apple
<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Windows 10 computer/laptop • Minimum 4GB of RAM. • 10GB+ available hard drive storage. • Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</u> • Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended. • System updates must be regularly installed. • Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software 	<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Macintosh (V10.14 and above) computer/laptop • Minimum 4GB of RAM. • 10GB+ available hard drive storage. • Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</u> • Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended. • System updates must be regularly installed. • Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software.

<p>Recommended Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8GB of RAM A method of backing up/synchronizing to local or cloud-based storage such as OneDrive is highly recommended. This is included if you complete the setup of KeyanoMail and download MS Office using your Keyano email for free. 	<p>Recommended Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8GB of RAM A method of backing up/synchronizing to local or cloud-based storage such as OneDrive is highly recommended. This is included if you complete the setup of KeyanoMail and download MS Office using your Keyano email for free.
<p>Chromebooks are not recommended as they are not compatible with testing lockdown browsers.</p> <p>A Microsoft Surface or iPad or iPad Pro may be possible alternatives in some program areas.</p>	

Specific Department Requirements:

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.
 Other programs may utilize Windows based tools as well.

Computer Software

Students will be able to get access to Microsoft Office 365 for free using Keyano credentials by [clicking here](#).

Recording of Lectures and Intellectual Property

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or by Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not share, distribute, or publish any of the lectures or course materials, this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc. on any platform. Thus no student is allowed to share, distribute, publish or sell course related content (instructor, or students) without permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property. The [Academic Integrity Policy](#) provides additional information on Keyano College's expectations from students as members of the intellectual community.

ITS Helpdesk

If you are having issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing its.helpdesk@keyano.ca or calling 780-791-4965.

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