

**CORE 595 – B/T 01
Practicum II**

Instructors:

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Office Hours/Policy on Answering Student Emails

Please note that all course communications must occur through your @ucalgary email. I will respond to emails sent via student's @ucalgary emails within 48 hours.

Time and Location:

Tuesdays, 11:00-12:50 MT, according to schedule below (one seminar per month)

Room - [REDACTED]

Seminar Dates

[REDACTED]

Prerequisite/Co-Requisite:

Community Rehabilitation 594

Notes: Course needs to be taken in combination with Community Rehabilitation 594 in the same academic year.

Course Description:

Senior level leadership, advocacy and reflective practice in partner agencies, associations, and systems. Specifics to be negotiated with the student. Content on professional ethics will also be covered.

Overarching Theme

This practicum course is the second half of two linked practica CORE 594 & CORE 595. Students will attend a 130-hour practicum and will complete a project of their choosing at this site. Students will be required to attend classroom seminars one time per month.

Global Objectives

Students will participate in a 130-hour linked practicum (including 130 hours in CORE 595 Winter term) focused on development of services and programs, consultation and leadership. Specific areas of focus will be developed in consultation with the organization, the student and the instructor. Internship sites are selected according to the following criteria: (a) interest in innovation/change/improvement in delivery of services (b) interest in an on-going relationship with Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies and the University of Calgary and (c) commitment to student learning needs.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate leadership skills in community practice.
- Reflect on past and current service delivery and examine alternatives for future actions to enhance inclusion in community.
- Recognize innovation and change to address limitations in human service outcomes.
- Build a collaborative network for action.
- Depending on the specific nature of the practicum students will develop skills in some of the following areas:
 - o Work towards facilitating a change process – individual, organization or social action.
 - o Develop skills in areas such as fund development and marketing, curriculum development, and strategic planning.
 - o Facilitate a program evaluation plan, survey or needs assessment.
 - o Research a specific topic/question: e.g. a current literature review of theory and/or practice, critical policy analyses or develop an inquiry-based proposal to respond to problem/question posed.
 - o Board Development – e.g. examine best practices for effective recruitment, role clarity.

Transferable Skill Development:

Many of the skills and abilities that you are developing in your coursework are transferable to the workforce, graduate and professional studies and other facets of life. Employers seek applicants with transferable skills because they can be an asset in the workplace, regardless of industry or sector. Transferable skills are core skills for your success in building your future career.

The work that you will do in CORE 595 will help you build the following transferable skills:

- **Collaboration:** Work respectfully with others from different backgrounds, cultures, and countries.
- **Verbal Communication:** Learn and share information by presenting, listening, and interacting with others.
- **Creativity and Innovation:** Find different and better ways to do things, being curious, thinking imaginatively.
- **Critical Thinking:** Actively and skillfully conceptualize, apply, analyze, synthesize, and/or evaluate information (data, facts, observable phenomena, and research findings) to make a reasoned judgement or draw a reasonable conclusion.
- **Digital Skills:** Use digital technologies like computers, social media, virtual meeting platforms, and the internet.
- **Information Literacy:** Find, understand, and use information presented through words, symbols, and images
- **Problem solving:** Identify an issue, find and implement a solution, and assess whether the situation has improved.
- **Written Communication:** Share ideas and information by using words, images, and symbols.

Learning Resources

No text is required for this course.

Learning Technology Requirements

Brightspace (by D2L) is located on the University of Calgary server and will be used extensively for communication with students. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they receive all posted communications and documents and that they receive emails sent by instructors or fellow students through D2L. Only your @ucalgary.ca email address may be linked to D2L. Please ensure that you are regularly checking your @ucalgary.ca account.

A laptop, desktop, tablet or mobile device is required for D2L access. If you need help accessing or using D2L, please visit the Desire2Learn resource page for students: <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/d2l-student/>.

Evaluation

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in Section F of the 2025-2026 Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course, the following weights will be used:

Assessment *	Weight (% of grade)	Due Date and Time	Alignment with course Learning Objectives
Practicum Package (includes elements 1-4 below)			Learning Objectives 1,2,3,4 &5
1) Learning Contract	20%		
2) Check In visit *	5%		
3) Midterm Evaluation **	15%		
4) Final Evaluation **	20%		
Total (elements 1-4)	60%		
Critical Reflection Essay	15%		Learning Objectives 2 & 3
Seminar Participation	10%		Learning Objectives 2,3 & 4
Community Connector Event	15%		Learning Objectives 2 & 3
Total	100%		

Descriptions and rubrics/marketing guidelines of each assessment item are posted in D2L.

*Students are required to confirm and book a date/time for an initial set up visit that includes themselves, the site supervisor and course instructor. This meeting must be conducted BEFORE the Project proposal is due (Feb 11, 2026). Please check instructions on D2L to set up the site visit.

****Midterm evaluations and final evaluations are completed electronically by site supervisor only. It is the student's responsibility to forward the link to the evaluation to their site supervisor as per the timetable listed in their individual Learning Contract. Responsibility for submission to the proper D2L Dropbox of the completed evaluation prior to the assignment due date, also remains the responsibility of the student.**

- Midterm evaluations will not be accepted from students who have not submitted their project proposal prior to submission of the midterm.
- Course instructor will participate in midterm/final evaluation only if requested.

ALL remaining course components are graded by course instructors according to rubric provided on D2L.

- Failure to submit any of the abovementioned elements by due date, unless otherwise discussed with the course instructor, will result in failure of that specific course element.
- Assignment Descriptions and rubrics/marking guidelines of each assessment item are posted in D2L
- There will be no final exam in this course. A student's final grade for the course is the sum of the separate assignments. It is not necessary to pass each assignment separately to pass the course.
- This is a graded course however a grade of B (75-79%) must be achieved in order to receive credit for the course.
- Students who are asked to leave a practicum placement due to poor or unprofessional performance will automatically receive a failing grade for the course.

A Note regarding Writing Assignments:

Writing skills are important to academic study in all disciplines. In keeping with the University of Calgary's emphasis on the importance of academic writing in student assignments (Section E.2 of 2025-26 Calendar), writing is emphasized, and the grading thereof in determining a student's mark in this course. The Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation program values excellence in writing. Competence in writing entails skills in crafting logical, clear, coherent, non-redundant sentences, paragraphs and broader arguments, as well as skills with the mechanics of writing (grammar, spelling, punctuation). Sources used to complete each assessment must be properly documented, unless otherwise noted by the instructor. The University of Calgary offers instructional services through the Students' Success Centre's Writing Support Services (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/writingsupport/>) for students seeking feedback on assignments or seeking to improve their general writing skills. Students are **strongly encouraged** to take advantage of these programs.

Grading Scheme:

Letter Grade	Description	Percentage
A+	Outstanding performance	96-100
A	Excellent performance	90-95.99
A-	Approaching excellent performance	85-89
B+	Exceeding good performance	80-84
B	Good performance	75-79
B-	Approaching good performance	70-74
C+	Exceeding satisfactory performance	65-69
C	Satisfactory performance	60-64
C-	Approaching satisfactory performance	57-59
D+	Marginal pass	54-56
D	Minimal pass	50-53
F	Does not meet course requirements	0-49

Missed Components of Term Work:

At the instructor's discretion, late assignments will not be accepted and will automatically receive a mark of zero (or students will lose 5% per day late past the deadline for all assignments). In this case, assignments will **NOT** be accepted more than 72 hours after the posted deadline and students failing to submit any assignment within this time frame will receive a mark of zero.

As per University Calendar Section G.2.3 **students who are absent from an in-class assessment will receive a mark of zero on the missed component.** Students who are absent are responsible for contacting their instructor to discuss the impact of their missed assessment. Alternative opportunities for completing missed assessments or shifting of the assessment weight **may** be possible but are not guaranteed. Students who are identified as falsifying information related to missed assessments will be subject to investigation for academic misconduct.

Extensions will NOT be granted on any assignment in CORE 595. The only exceptions to this are those in keeping with the University Calendar (debilitating illness, religious conviction, or severe domestic affliction) that are received in writing and with supporting documentation. Traffic jams and late or full buses are common events in Calgary and are NOT acceptable reasons for late arrivals to class, meetings and examinations. Please note that while absences are permitted for religious reasons, students are responsible for providing advance notice and adhering to other guidelines on this matter, as outlined in the University Calendar <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/02ffccb6b1a541db880fe4223d122b5e>

Course Evaluations and Student Feedback

Student feedback will be sought at the end of the course through the new UCalgary Course Experience Survey and a qualitative student evaluation. Students are welcome to discuss the process and content of the course at any time with the instructor. Students may also address any concerns they may have with [REDACTED] Associate Dean (Undergraduate Health and Science Education) in the Cumming School of Medicine [REDACTED]

Attendance

Regular attendance is advised in order to succeed in CORE 595. Students are expected to take notes during class and should not rely solely on material supplied by the instructors. Instructors may or may not post lectures notes to D2L, at their individual discretion. In-class discussion and all content presented in class, including concepts and examples, can constitute substantial learning and can be considered for assessment.

Conduct During Lectures and/or Seminars

The classroom should be respected as a safe place to share ideas without judgement - a community in which we can all learn from one another. Students are expected to frame their comments and questions to lecturers in respectful and appropriate language, always maintaining sensitivity towards the topic. Students, employees, and academic staff are also expected to demonstrate behaviour in class that promotes and maintains a positive and productive learning environment.

As members of the University community, students, employees and academic staff are expected to demonstrate conduct that is consistent with the University of Calgary Calendar, the Code of Conduct and Non-Academic Misconduct policy and procedures, which can be found at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-conduct/policy>

Conduct during Practicum

It is expected that students will maintain a professional manner while in their community-based or academic practicum placements. As such, students are expected to adhere to all policies and procedures of their practicum site, including attendance/punctuality, attire, language and attitude and respecting all matter of the site as confidential. Students should recognize that they are responsible for their own learning and therefore need to take an active role in their setting. This can be achieved by interacting respectfully with site supervisors and staff, seeking and accepting feedback from site supervisors, designated site mentors and/or the course instructor while always exerting maximum effort in completing assigned tasks, contracted learning goals and project work (if required). Students are to communicate regularly and respond in a timely manner with site supervisors and staff, the course instructor and the practicum coordinator. Students are also reminded that they must adhere to the University of Calgary Code of Conduct Policy (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/code-conduct/>).

Students who are asked to leave their practicum or who choose not to complete their practicum placement will, in the absence of extenuating circumstances at the site, fail the course.

Use of Internet and Electronic Communication Devices in Class

The Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation program aims to create a supportive and respectful learning environment for all students. The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities.

Students are responsible for being aware of the University's Internet and email use policy, which can be found at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/acceptable-use-electronic-resources-and-information-policy>.

Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), and specifically foundational models that can create writing, computer code, and /or images using minimal human prompting includes not only GPT-4 (and its siblings ChatGPT and Bing), but many writing assistants that are built on this or similar AI technologies.

You may use generative artificial intelligence tools and apps for learning course material, but their use is strictly prohibited in all course assignments unless explicitly stated otherwise by the instructor in this course. This includes ChatGPT and other AI writing and coding assistants. Use of generative AI in this course may be considered use of an unauthorized aid, which is a form of cheating and a breach of academic integrity subject to Academic Misconduct procedures. You could be asked to provide evidence of your own work. While we appreciate that the use of AI tools is appropriate in some contexts in this course we will be focusing on building your own critical thinking, foundational knowledge and writing skills, which could be compromised by a reliance on AI tools.

Students are *not allowed* to upload class slides, assignment instructions, or other course materials to AI tools or platforms. These are the intellectual property of the course instructor (IP); uploading these to and AI platform may breach IP rules since some of these sites may use these as training/output data.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY POLICIES AND SUPPORTS

Copyright

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/acceptable-use-material-protected-copyright-policy>) and requirements of the Copyright Act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks, etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy>

Instructor Intellectual Property

Course materials created by instructors (including course outlines, presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may **NOT** be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. **The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited.** Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course **at the same time** may be allowed under fair dealing.

Academic Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations>. Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf>).

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a Protected Ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to [REDACTED], Associate Dean (Undergraduate Health and Science Education).

Academic Misconduct

The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. The University of Calgary has created rules to govern all its members regarding the creation of knowledge and the demonstration of knowledge having been learned.

Academic Misconduct refers to student behaviour that compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes (but is not limited to): cheating, fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, unauthorized assistance, failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses, and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar. **It also includes using of third party websites/services to access past/current course material, essay/assignment writing services, or real-time assistance in completing assessments, seeking answers to assessment questions and similar, whether paid, bartered or unpaid.**

For information of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures, please visit; <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-academic-misconduct-policy>.

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity website at: <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>.

Recording of Lectures

Audio or video recording of lectures (or similar) by students is prohibited except where explicit permission has been received from the instructor.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary

Appeals

If there is a concern with the course, academic matter or a grade, first communicate with the instructor. If these concerns cannot be resolved, students can proceed with an academic appeal, as per Section I of the University Calendar. Students must follow the official reappraisal/appeal process and may contact the Student Ombuds' Office (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/ombuds>) for assistance with this and with any other academic concerns, including academic and non-academic misconduct. Students should be aware that concerns about graded term work may only be initiated **within 10 business days** of first being notified of the grade.

<https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/e31a7115dca740ec83579e946d4a4193>

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Policy

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/sexual-and-gender-based-violence-policy>

Resources for Support of Student Learning, Success, Safety and Wellness

Student Success Centre <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/>

Student Wellness Centre <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>

Student Advocacy and Wellness Hub (CSM)

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/current-students/student-advising-wellness>

Distress Centre <http://www.distresscentre.com/>

Library Resources <http://library.ucalgary.ca>

Wellness and Mental Health Resources

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services>) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth>)

Student Ombuds' Office

The Student Ombuds' Office supports and provides a safe, neutral space for students. For more information, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/ombuds/ or email ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Student Union (SU) Information

The SU Vice-President Academic can be reached at (403) 220-3911 or suvpaca@ucalgary.ca; the SU representatives for the Cumming School of Medicine can be reached at medrep1@su.ucalgary.ca or medrep2@su.ucalgary.ca.

Student Success Centre

The Student Success Centre provides services and programs to ensure students can make the most of their time at the University of Calgary. Our advisors, learning support staff, and writing support staff assist students in enhancing their skills and achieving their academic goals. They provide tailored learning support and advising programs, as well as one-on-one services, free of charge to all undergraduate and graduate students. For more information visit: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success>

Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points

As part of the University of Calgary Emergency Evacuation plan, students, faculty, and staff should locate the closest Assembly Point in case of Fire Alarm. Safety signage is posted throughout the campus showing the locations and the possible route to these locations. All students, faculty, and staff are expected to promptly make their way to the nearest Assembly Point if the Fire Alarm is activated. No one is to return into campus facilities until an all clear is given to the warden in charge of the Assembly Area. For more information, see <https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/drills/assembly-points-and-evacuation-maps>

Safewalk

Campus security will escort individuals, day or night, anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences Centre, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). Call 403-220-5333 or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot pay booths. Please ensure your personal safety by taking advantage of this service.

