

2026-2027

CSSW Practicum Learning Calendar

(Dates are subject to change.)

Link to Columbia's [Expanded Religious Holiday Calendar](#)

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Fall 2026	
8/31-9/4	CSSW Orientation for students beginning the program in the Fall
9/7	Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
9/8	Fall Term Begins
9/8 - 9/18	Asynchronous: Practicum Readiness Webinar: Social Work Values, Ethics & Competencies
9/8 - 9/18	Asynchronous: Practicum Readiness Webinar: Personal Safety & Safety at the Placement Site
9/8 - 9/18	Asynchronous: Practicum Readiness Webinar: Direct Practice Skills
9/22	First Day of Fall Term Practicum for All Pathways
10/9	Education Plans are Due to Advising, and Students upload the document into Sonia (Due on the third Friday after Practicum Begins)
10/12	Indigenous Peoples' Day (Class in Session / Administrative Offices Open / Students attend Practicum unless agency site is closed)
10/13-15	One-Year Residency Form #1 Practicum Options Form Due for Autumn 2027 Residency Start
10/16	5-Term International Generalist Year Practicum Forms due for Spring 2027 start
10/26-30	Mid-Term Oral Evaluation Conferences
11/2	Academic Holiday - Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
11/3	University Holiday (Election Day: No Classes/No Practicum)
11/23-24	Written End of Term Fall Evaluations Sent to partners
11/25	Academic Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
11/26	University Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
11/27	University Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
11/30	Generalist Practicum Forms Due for incoming 16-Month students and continuing Part-Time to Full-Time or returning LOA students who plan to start practicum in Spring 2027
12/7	One-Year Residency Form #2 Employer-Based Practicum Info Form Due for Autumn 2027 Residency Start
12/11	Written End of Term Fall Evaluations Due - All Pathways
12/18	Fall Term Ends
12/21	Last Day of Fall Term Practicum

Winter Break

Spring 2027

1/4	Practicum Resumes for Continuing Students and for Specialized Year Students with Spring Block Placements
1/11-14	New Student Orientation Week: Monday - Thursday
1/18	University (No Classes/No Practicum)
1/19	Spring Term Begins
1/19	Mandatory Specialized Year Practicum Planning Event: Panel Presentations & Virtual Fair (all day, students are excused from Practicum)
1/25	First Day of Spring Term Practicum for 16-Month Generalist Students, 5-Term International, and Other Students
2/5	Specialized Year Practicum Forms and Placement Preferences Due for Autumn 2027 Start. No changes to specialization or geographic location after this date. <i>(This includes Dual Degree and LOA students who plan to start specialized practicum in Autumn 2027.)</i>
2/5	One Year Residency Form #3 Education Plan and Agreement Form Due for Autumn 2027 Residency Start
2/19	Spring Start Education Plans are Due to Advising, and Students upload the document into Sonia. (Due on the third Friday after Practicum Begins.)
2/22-26	Mid-Term Oral Evaluation Conferences for Continuing Students

3/15 - 3/19/27 Academic Holiday (Spring Break) – No Practicum/No Classes**

Students placed with a school should follow the school's spring break instead of CSSW's spring holiday.

3/22-26	Mid-Term Oral Evaluation Conferences for 16-month and 5-term Int'l Students
4/12-13	Written End of Term Spring Practicum Evaluations Sent to CSSW Partners - All Pathways
5/3	Written End of Term Spring Practicum Evaluations Due - All Pathways
5/7	Last Day of Spring Term Practicum - All Pathways
5/7	Last Day of Spring Term
5/14	Student Feedback on Practicum Form Distributed
5/24	Student Feedback on Practicum Form Due
5/19	University Commencement
TBD	CSSW Graduation Ceremony

Summer 2027

5/25	First Day of Summer Term Practicum for 16-Month Generalist Students, 5-Term International, and Other Students
6/1	Practicum Placement Forms Due for Incoming Generalist Year, Advanced Standing and Transfer, continuing Part-Time to Full-Time, and returning LOA students who plan to start practicum in Fall 2026
6/18	University Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
7/5	University Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
8/6	Last Day of Practicum - All pathways