

# 2025-2026

## CSSW Practicum Learning Calendar

(Dates are subject to change.)

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

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### Fall 2025

8/25 - 8/29	CSSW Orientation for students beginning the program in the Fall
9/1	Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
9/2	Fall Term Begins
9/2	Noon-1:00 ET Practicum Readiness Webinar: Social Work Values, Ethics & Competencies
9/4	Noon-1:00 ET Practicum Readiness Webinar: Personal Safety & Safety at the Placement Site
9/11	Noon-1:00 ET Practicum Readiness Webinar: Direct Practice Skills
9/15	First Day of Fall Term Practicum for All Pathways
10/3	Education Plans are Due to Advising, and Students upload the document into Sonia (Due on the third Friday after Practicum Begins)
10/13	Indigenous Peoples' Day (Class in Session / Administrative Offices Open / Students attend Practicum unless agency site is closed)
10/13	5-Term International Generalist Year Practicum Forms due for Spring 2026 start
10/20-24	Mid-Term Oral Evaluation Conferences
10/28-30	One-Year Residency Form #1 Practicum Options Form Due for Autumn 2026 Residency Start
11/3	University Holiday - Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
11/4	Academic Holiday (Election Day: No Classes/No Practicum)
11/24	Written End of Term Fall Evaluations Sent to partners
11/26	Academic Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
11/27	Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
11/28	Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
12/1	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 2026
12/8	One-Year Residency Form #2 Employer-Based Practicum Info Form Due for Autumn 2026 Residency Start
12/12	Written End of Term Fall Evaluations Due - All Pathways
12/19	Fall Term Ends
12/19	Last Day of Fall Term Practicum

Winter Break

**Spring 2026**

1/5	Practicum Resumes for Continuing Students and for Specialized Year Students with Spring Block Placements
1/12-15	New Student Orientation Week: Monday - Thursday
1/19	Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
1/20	Spring Term Begins
1/20	Mandatory Specialized Year Practicum Planning Event: Panel Presentations & Virtual Fair (all day, students are excused from Practicum)
1/26	First Day of Spring Term Practicum for 16-Month Generalist Students, 5-Term International, and Other Students
2/6	Specialized Year Practicum Forms and Placement Preferences Due for Autumn 2026 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 2026.)</i>
2/6	One Year Residency Form #3 Education Plan and Agreement Form Due for Autumn 2026 Residency Start
2/13	Spring Start Education Plans are Due to Advising, and Students upload the document into Sonia. (Due on the third Friday after Practicum Begins.)
2/23-27	Mid-Term Oral Evaluation Conferences for Continuing Students

**3/16 - 3/20/26 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.\*\**

3/23-27	Mid-Term Oral Evaluation Conferences for 16-month and 5-term Int'l Students
4/13	Written End of Term Spring Practicum Evaluations Sent to CSSW Partners - All Pathways
5/1	Written End of Term Spring Practicum Evaluations Due - All Pathways
5/8	Last Day of Spring Term Practicum - All Pathways
5/8	Last Day of Spring Term
5/11	Student Feedback on Practicum Form Distributed
5/22	Student Feedback on Practicum Form Due
TBD	CSSW Graduation
5/20	University Commencement
5/21	CSSW Graduation Ceremony

**Summer 2026**

5/26	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
6/19	Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
7/3	Academic and Administrative Holiday (No Classes/No Practicum)
8/7	Last Day of Practicum - All pathways