

2026-2027

CSSW Practicum Learning Calendar

(Dates are subject to change.)

Link to Columbia's [Expanded Religious Holiday Calendar](#) Last update 8/26/26

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	Noon-1:00 ET Practicum Readiness Webinar: Social Work Values, Ethics & Competencies
9/10	Noon-1:00 ET Practicum Readiness Webinar: Personal Safety & Safety at the Placement Site
9/15	Noon-1:00 ET 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	5-Term International Generalist Year Practicum Forms due for Spring 2027 start
10/26-30	Mid-Term Oral Evaluation Conferences
10/TBD	One-Year Residency Form #1 Practicum Options Form Due for Autumn 2027 Residency Start
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. (This includes Dual Degree and LOA students who plan to start specialized practicum in Autumn 2027.)
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