

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alberta Association of Social Work Diploma Programs (AASWDP)

FROM: Suzanne MacKinnon, Acting Registrar (Alberta College of Social Workers)
Dr. Scott McLean (ACSW Accreditation Coordinator)

DATE: March 16, 2020

RE: COVID-19 and Practicum Hours

The Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW), as the accrediting body for the Alberta Social Work Diploma Programs, is aware of the impact of precautions to control the spread of COVID-19 is having on social work practicum students, programs, and placement agencies.

The ACSW support the SW Diploma Programs to consider using non-direct hours to complete the minimum 700 hours of direct practice required by the ACSW accreditation standards this semester. SW Diploma Programs are encouraged to use their discretion to create non-direct projects, activities, or assignments that are supportive to the practicum agencies' missions and goals to complete the learner's coursework/practicum requirements.

When a graduate from your SW Diploma Program registers as a Social Worker, the ACSW will continue to grant practicum hours to the limit allowable by each of the programs towards their 1500 hours of supervised practice requirement.

Thank you for consideration and ongoing support for learners and future social workers.



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