



40-hour Community Intervention

FAQs

What types of experiences are eligible for the 40-Hour Community Intervention?

The 40-Hour Intervention is an opportunity for MSW-ITR students to gain experience in trauma-informed approaches. This could occur through information and skills training, supporting a healing process, conducting community-based research or contributing to policy enhancement and/or development.

Some examples of past 40-Hour Community Interventions include:

- Supporting a community healing intervention facilitated by a trauma-informed practitioner;
- Volunteering at a trauma-informed conference or gathering;
- Developing a trauma-informed resource for a community agency; and
- Supporting the facilitation of trauma-informed organizational training.

Important Note: any community intervention *must be completed with the support of a supervisor and be approved by the Practicum Office*. The supervisor does not need to be a social worker, but must be an experienced trauma-informed practitioner who can commit to overseeing your work, and providing support, guidance and practical help. They will also be required to submit an evaluation of your community intervention.

When can I complete my 40-Hour Community Intervention?

If you have your BSW, you must attend the first intensive week and then you can complete your 40-hour intervention at any point throughout your two years of study.

If you do not have your BSW, you must complete the first year of the two-year program before commencing your 40-hour community intervention.

How do I find 40-Hour Community Intervention opportunities?

Mel LeBlanc, *Coordinator, Indigenous Initiatives* (mel.leblanc@utoronto.ca), will e-mail information regarding 40-Hour Community Intervention opportunities and list them on the ITR website whenever they are shared with the Practicum Office.

If you have your own idea for a 40-Hour Community Intervention, contact Mel LeBlanc with the information.

What information should I share with the Practicum Office once I have confirmed my 40-hour community intervention?

Once your 40-Hour Community Intervention has been confirmed, please share the following details with Mel:

- start and end dates;
- hours per day;
- supervisor's name and e-mail address; and
- description of activities.

What if my plan changes or the intervention is cancelled?

Contact Mel if you have any concerns with your 40-hour community intervention, or if any of your plans change.

How will I be evaluated on the 40-Hour Community Intervention?

Upon completion of the 40-hour Community Intervention, you will need to complete the [Self-Evaluation and Reflection form](#) and submit it to Mel LeBlanc.

The supervisor/mentor will also complete this evaluation, and share it with Mel. The evaluations must be received by the Practicum Office to confirm completion of 40 hours out of the 450 required hours for SWK 4703.

Who covers the costs of the 40-Hour Community Intervention?

Students are responsible for costs of the 40-hour intervention (e.g. accommodation, registration, meals and transportation). Students are encouraged to apply for bursaries and scholarships to help offset the costs.