Atlanta and Calgary are sister cities because

1. We are Olympic cities

2. We have the same climate

3. The Atlanta Flames hockey team became the Calgary Flames
Hosting Student Practicums at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

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Access Services Librarian
Calgary, Alberta

- 50 miles east of the Rockies, 100 miles north of Montana
- 1 million population
- Major employers: petroleum, agriculture, transportation
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
• Action-based learning
• Celebrating our Centennial this year
• 1 year certificates, 2 year diplomas and 4 year bachelor’s degrees in programmes ranging from trades to business to 16,000 full time and 55,000 con-ed students
• 750 Faculty
SAIT Library

• Combined circ/ref information service desk
• 1,000 visits per day
• 6 librarians, 20 library technicians working in five units
• 43K on-shelf books, 155K e-books, 30K Journal subscriptions via Ebscohost Discovery Search
SAIT Library Information Technology (LIT) Programme

• Two Year Diploma
• 30 students in each year
• Student profile
My Presentation Goals

1. Through a discussion of the major issues that impact a (LIT) hosting programme
   • Offer useful tips for your programme
   • Share all of our hosting experience by sharing discussion highlights
   • Improve our SAIT Library hosting programme

2. With your input I want to also answer the questions

   **What’s in it for:**
   Your library
   The academic programme
   and of course
   Students
4-Hour Practicum Highlights

- Introduce practicum to the students at a classroom visit
- Hour-1 group orientation
- Hour-2, 3 Information desk shadowing
- 20 question multiple choice skills assignment
- Hour-4 Shelving/Shelf Reading
3-Week Practicum Highlights

- LIT Supervisor request for placement
- Soliciting staff for projects, meetings and function demonstrations
- Entrance Interview
- Library orientation
- Weekly check-ins
- Assessment input from library staff
- Exit interview
- Programme Refresh (student feedback)
Which Practicum Issues Are Relevant To Your Library?

I would like to link the following issues that your library might have to the perspectives of the student, your staff and the practicum supervisor.

Preconceptions/Fears/Confidence
Planning/Time Management
Skills /Experience
Assessment/Review
Discussion Format

• Please form groups of three with the neighbor on your left and right
• Pick one of these issues and discuss how they could impact the practicum student, your staff and your clientele
• Let’s spend 5 minutes in discussion and reconvene to share our input