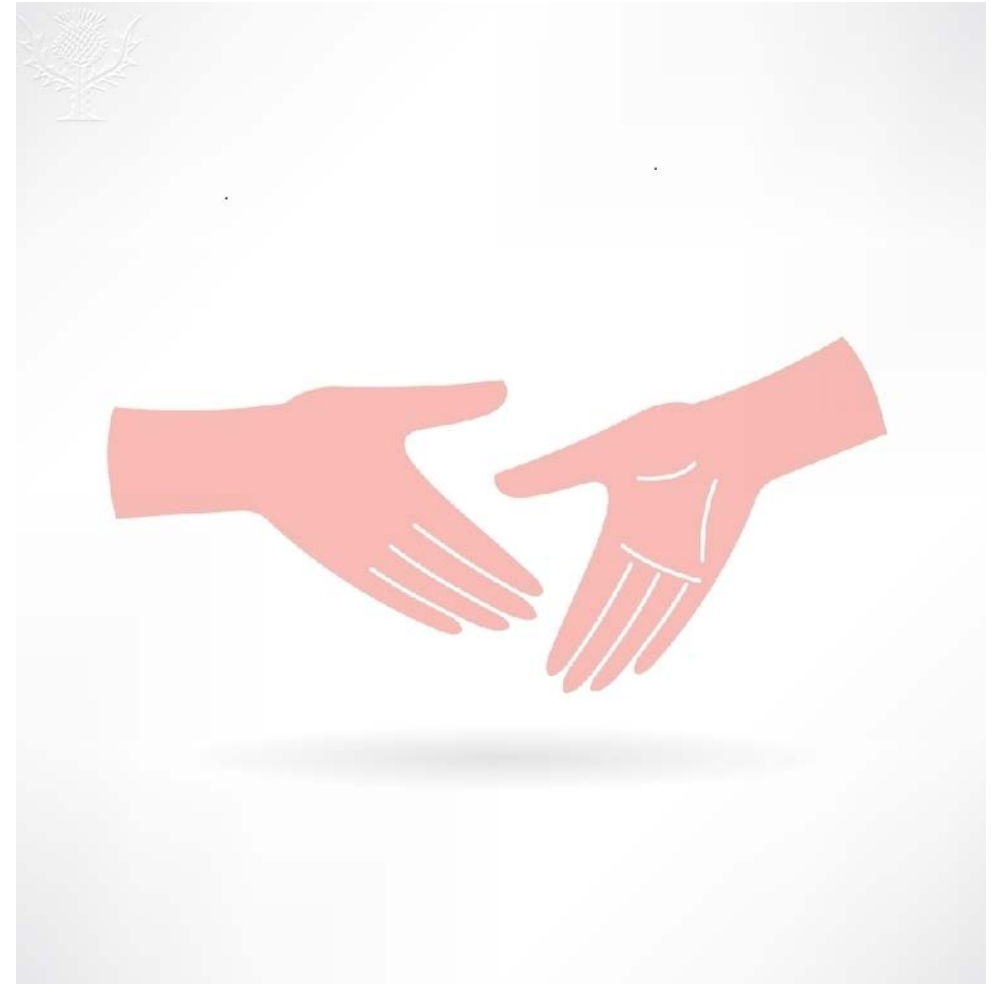# Atlanta and Calgary
are sister cities because

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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SAIT

Calgary, Alberta

- 50 miles east of the Rockies, 100 miles north of Montana
- I 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

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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 <u>of course</u>
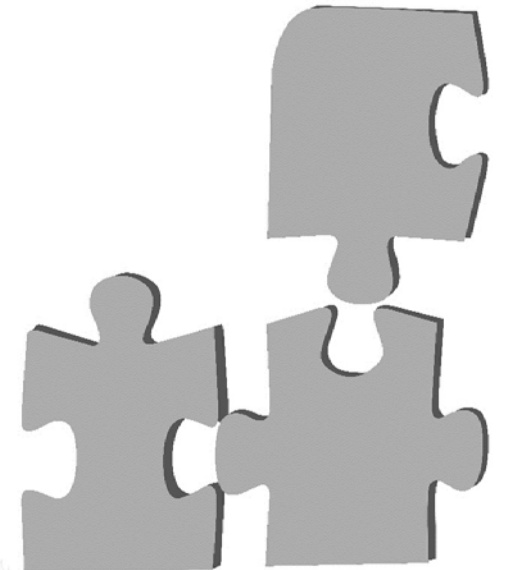Students

4-Hour Practicum Highlights

- Introduce practicum to the students at a classroom visit
- Hour-1 group orientation
- Hour2, 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)

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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

Questions & Handout Package