GSWS 812-3: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES

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Course Description:  
The Professional Development Seminar Series is designed to help students identify their academic/professional interests and career paths, explore and develop relevant skills, and support each other in navigating the challenges of graduate school and beyond.

Course Objectives  
Students will:  
• develop awareness of professional goals and personal values  
• practice networking skills, mental resilience, and adaptability  
• identify professional interests and research relevant job markets  
• explore ways to connect academic research with professional aspirations  
• complete a professional portfolio that serves as the basis for a future job, PhD, professional school, or grant/fellowship/internship application

Educational Goals:  
For more detailed information please see the GSWS website:  
http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html

Course Evaluation and Assignments:  
This course is graded on an in-progress/complete basis. Students will be evaluated on their attendance and participation at the sessions listed below. Full attendance and engaged participation are expected to achieve the COMPLETE grade. In addition, students are encouraged to attend relevant seminars and workshops offered by Graduate Studies, as well as consult one-on-one with the Graduate Chair about their professional development.