

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
School of Social Work

**CONCENTRATION DECLARATION FORM**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

WIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Master of Social Work (MSW) students have the option of enrolling in the Interpersonal Practice Concentration or the Policy, Planning, and Administration Concentration. Students must declare their concentration before enrolling in concentration courses. Students need to meet with their advisor to discuss concentration options and complete the Concentration Declaration Form. Students must complete this form by the end of Fall semester, first year.

- Advanced standing students . . . . . start of Summer II session
- Full-time students . . . . . end of Fall semester, first year
- Extended-study students . . . . . end of Fall semester, first year

Forms must be completed and signed by the student and the student’s advisor. If a student wishes to change concentrations after signing this form, a new Concentration Declaration Form must be completed and on file with the Office of Admissions and Student Services before the student can enroll in concentration courses. Concentrations are outlined below:

- **Interpersonal Practice (IP) Concentration** The IP Concentration prepares students for advanced interpersonal practice with individuals, families, and groups within diverse community contexts. Interpersonal Practice entails an emphasis on transactions between people and environments but also includes the broader spectrum of advanced, direct social work practice activities that extend beyond the traditional parameters of a strictly clinical focus.
- **Policy, Planning and Administration (PP&A) Concentration** The PP&A Concentration is a program of study that builds on the Foundation curriculum and prepares students for leadership in human service organizations. The PP&A Concentration is methods-based and focuses on knowledge and skills required of PP&A practitioners to carry out a variety of roles in government, nonprofit, and community organizations.

I declare the following concentration:  Interpersonal Practice  Policy, Planning, & Administration

**I understand that I cannot change my declared concentration without meeting with my advisor and completing a revised Concentration Declaration Form.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_