

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
School of Social Work

SPECIALIZATION DECLARATION FORM

Student name: _____

WIN: _____

Advisor: _____

There are three specializations or specialized projects offered within the School of Social Work that IP concentration students can enroll in. They are:

Specialization in Trauma Across the Lifespan. This specialization requires 9 credits of coursework approved for the Trauma Specialization, fulfilling the MSW program's elective credit requirements. These elective courses must include SWRK 6500 (3 credits), SWRK 6350: Integrative seminar in Trauma Studies (1 credit, taken in final Spring semester along with concentration field), and an approved trauma-informed concentration field placement. The remaining 5 elective courses are selected by the student from courses approved for the Trauma Specialization.

I elect to participate in the Trauma Specialization (IP concentration). I understand that electing the **Trauma Specialization** requires that I arrange my program plan to include the above requirements.

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) Training Project that requires 5 credits of courses applying to the MSW program elective credit requirements. Elective courses required for the project include SWRK 6500 (3 credits), SWRK 6350: Integrative Seminar in TF-CBT (1 credit, taken Fall semester of concentration year) that includes two-days of specialized training in TF-CBT, SWRK 6350: Integrative seminar in Trauma Studies (1 credit, taken in Spring semester of concentration year), and a TF-CBT approved concentration field placement. Students who wish to also meet requirements for the specialization in Trauma across the Life Span need to select 4 additional elective credits in approved Trauma Specialization courses, fulfilling the 9 elective credit requirements in the MSW program.

I elect to participate in the **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Project**.

School Social Work Certification. The School Social Work Certification standards are governed by the Michigan Department of Education. The certificate is 9 credits of coursework (SWRK 6200, SWRK 6210, SWRK 6220) fulfilling the MSW program's elective credit requirements, and a concentration year field placement working primarily with children and families, preferably in a school setting.

I elect to earn a **School Social Work Certification**.