Concentrations

From the Graduate School’s Policies and Procedures for Administering Graduate Student Programs manual (Section I, H)

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H. Concentrations (previously referred to as Areas of Specialization)

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Once a concentration has been approved by the dean of the Graduate School, a concentration annotation may be added to a specific student's final transcript. Such requests normally are made on the plan of study; however, the addition of a concentration to a final transcript also may be requested at the time of the graduation audit. (See Section X-A-2.) The concentration appears on the final transcript issued after the degree is posted, but it does not appear on the diploma.
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Graduate Program (Major) ________________________________________________ Major Code ________

Title of Concentration ____________________________________________________________

Effective Session: _____ Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer Academic year: 201 _____ - 201 _____

Degrees to which this concentration applies: Mode of Delivery (i.e.: Campus Based/ Distance-Online):

- Master of Science
- Master of Arts
- Doctor of Philosophy
- Other

Campus(s) at which this concentration applies:

- Calumet
- Fort Wayne
- Indianapolis
- North Central
- West Lafayette

Justification: Please address the following topics (in order) when requesting a concentration: (Attach additional sheets as necessary.)

- Statement of the mission of the proposed concentration including, but not limited to, the need for the concentration, the target audience, the relationship to the major under which the concentration will be listed, and the relationship to other concentrations in the degree program
- Focus of the research or professional program
- Participating faculty, including name, academic rank, and departmental affiliation
- Currently enrolled or expected number of students
- Core courses and a description of how they fit into and support the degree program. List only the courses required for this concentration.
- Learning outcomes (e.g., unique knowledge or abilities, capacity to identify and conduct original research, ability to communicate to peer audiences, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, etc.).

Recommended by: Approved by:

_________________________ Date_________________________ Date
Head of the Graduate Program Graduate School Dean (West Lafayette)

_________________________ Date_________________________
Academic Dean

_________________________ Date_________________________
Concentration Code _______ _______ _______
(To be assigned by the Office of the Registrar if this request is for a new concentration)

______________________________________________ Date
Additional Authorizing Signature (if applicable) Contact person (& e-mail address) for questions regarding form

Please submit this form to the Graduate School, PWL. An approved copy will be returned to the department and academic college/school at the campus recommending the request.