



**Declaration of Acceptance of the Requirements and
Expectations of the Indigenous Social Work Program**

Welcome to the Indigenous Social Work program in the School of Indigenous Relations, the only one of its kind in Ontario. This program is accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Education and is open to all students. It emphasizes Indigenous ways of knowing and helping as well as conventional social work theories and practices. Students will develop professional social work methods for beginning practice that are culturally appropriate to Indigenous peoples in urban and First Nation communities.

This program requires that a student must remain in good academic standing (see Laurentian University Program Regulations) and demonstrate professional suitability in Indigenous social work. Professional suitability requires an understanding of cultural commonalities and differences that affect helping relationships with Indigenous peoples and an awareness of holistic ways of knowing (spiritual, emotional, physical and mental). It requires comprehension of traditional knowledge, worldview and theoretical frameworks for practice. The School of Indigenous Relations reserves the right to expel a student who, not withstanding her/his academic performance, fails to adhere to ethical and professional standards incumbent upon members of a helping profession.

This program further requires participation in two field placements in an approved practice setting. While engaged in field practices, students are expected to abide by all of the School of Indigenous Relations, university and professional codes of conduct and to respect the particular standards of the workplace they have chosen, for example, provide a criminal reference check.

By accepting admission to the School of Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Social Work program, you accept the requirements and expectations of the program herein described and understand that failure to meet these may require withdrawal or transfer into an alternate program of study.

Name

Signature

Date