

'Relative Matters': Good Practice in Permanence Planning in Kinship Care



Adoption & Fostering Alliance Scotland

This unique course is aimed at social workers and managers in children and families' teams, family placement teams as well as other specialist settings across the statutory, voluntary and independent sector. Applicants will require the support of their employer to attend as well as validate their work. It is imperative that sponsoring agencies ensure their nominated students have the motivation, capacity and commitment to complete the course. **Please note this course will be delivered virtually using Microsoft Teams.**

The course has been validated by Strathclyde University at MSc Level 11 and attracts an award of 60 credits (*postgraduate certificate*) which can be taken forward to further study. Agencies will need to be confident that their nominated student can study at master's level.

The virtual introductory session for students and their managers will be on the **26th October 2022**. The course requires virtual attendance at three taught modules of three consecutive days per module between November 2022 and March 2023. Assessment will be based on assignments as well as a 'training for trainers' assessment. The final assessment is due in May 2023. Comprehensive feedback is available to students. A student handbook will provide all the required information.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Module One: The Kinship Care Context in Scotland

Focuses on historical and international perspectives as well as the child protection context. All relevant legal and policy areas will be considered alongside the ethical considerations in this area of practice. This module explores how outcomes in kinship care can be assessed.

Module Two: The Child in Kinship Care

Covers the meaning of kinship care, children's needs and characteristics as well as exploring often contentious and complex areas such as contact and the placement of siblings. This module will further consider children's identity.

Module Three: Assessing and Supporting Kinship Carers

Considers the preparation and assessment of kinship carers including the use of risk assessments. The focus will move onto different approval and support factors. The voice of kinship carers will be a core theme. A training for trainers' input will complete this module.

COURSE DATES

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| Module One | The Kinship Care Context in Scotland | 7, 8 & 9 November 2022 |
| Module Two | The Child in Kinship Care | 16, 17 & 18 January 2023 |
| Module Three | Assessing and Supporting Kinship Carers | 13, 14 & 15 March 2023 |

Cost £3,185 + VAT (*includes annual rise in university fee*)

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