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UIC Offers New Kinship Care Online Course

Chicago, Illinois - Through UIC Online, the Jane Addams College of Social Work will offer its first online course, Kinship Care, in August 2007. Kinship care describes the practice of raising a relative's child when the child's parents are unable or unwilling to do so. This course is designed to meet a growing need among human service professionals, providing knowledge about an increasingly common family form that is receiving considerable attention from policy makers, social service providers and researchers.

Kinship Care is taught by Dr. James Gleeson, a tenured associate professor at the Jane Addams College of Social Work, and includes 15 modules which cover everything from the importance and impact of kinship care on caregivers and parents to ideal decision-making policies for individual families and their needs.

This course is offered as an elective for current Master of Social Work degree candidates at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Non-UIC students are able to participate in Kinship Care Online as an extramural student, to earn academic credit towards their degree or as a non-credit student. This course is ideal for adult professionals, graduate students as well as national audiences in the social and behavioral sciences, human service professionals and helping professions.

Because Kinship Care is taught online, students have the added convenience of completing the modules within their own time frame during the 15-week offering. Our upcoming course runs from August 27 - December 7, 2007, with registration closing August 20, 2007.

For more information on Kinship Care Online, including course benefits, topics and who should register, please visit our Web site at: www.externaledu.uic.edu/kinship or contact Emilie Wagner at (312) 355-0423.

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