

# Kinship Care Online



## What is Kinship Care?

Kinship care is a term used to describe the practice of raising a relative's child when the child's parents are unable or unwilling to do so. The Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago is proud to present an innovative online course, Kinship Care: A Comprehensive Overview.

## Course Benefits

The study of kinship care meets a growing need among human service professionals, providing knowledge about an increasingly common family form. The course presents a comprehensive overview of kinship care and is easily accessible to both graduate students for graduate credit and to human service professionals for professional enrichment. Working professionals bring their current experiences and case situations into online discussions. This ensures the relevance of the discussion and application of theoretical knowledge to current practice in the field, as it constantly evolves.

This family form is growing and receiving considerable attention of policy makers, social service providers and researchers. The knowledge that exists about kinship care is fragmented, yet human service professionals need a comprehensive understanding of these families, their strengths, service needs, the social policies that affect them and the best practices to be employed with these families and the individuals who reside in them.

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## Course Structure

Kinship Care is offered entirely online. The course incorporates lectures, readings, video presentations, assignments and student assessments. The class will also incorporate guest lectures and panel discussions conducted by a number of experts on kinship care, including human service professionals, kinship caregivers, adults who grew up in kinship care and parents of children who have grown up with kin.

In addition, the online format of the course increases the capacity for students to engage one another and the instructor through discussion forums.

## Meet the Instructor

James P. Gleeson Ph.D, associate professor at the Janes Addams College of Social Work, has over 10 years of clinical practice experience with children and families and 7 years experience as a staff developer, research practitioner and administrator.

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## Who Should Register?

Kinship Care online can be taken both for non-credit and credit and is ideal for adult professionals, graduate students, as well as national audiences in the social and behavioral sciences, human service professionals and helping professions such as:

- Social Work
- Clinical, Counseling and Community Psychology
- Community Nursing
- Corrections
- Counseling Psychology
- Drug Counseling
- Gerontology
- And more!

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