Fees

Course Fee: $500 if paid in full by 10/15; or 2 installments of $275 each (time of acceptance and by session 8).

Participants who successfully complete the classroom component and the case consultation are eligible to sit for an assessment. Those passing will receive national accreditation as an adoption competent mental health professional TAC graduate.

TAC has been approved by NASW-CT for 72 Continuing Education Credits.

Application Requirements

Master’s degree or higher in social work, counseling or related discipline. Current professional license or under clinical supervision to prepare for licensure.

Working in a clinical capacity at an agency specializing in adoption, private practice or community mental health setting serving adoptive families.

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Master’s level professional in social work or related discipline who does not hold a clinical license but whose work involves interface with members of the adoption kinship network.

In order to receive the Certificate of Completion and CEU credits, participants are required to attend all training modules and all clinical consultations, including presenting 1-2 cases, completing post-module surveys and must pass the final assessment.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2020

Schedule

Module 1: Online, independent learning
Module 2: October 27/28, 2020
Module 3: November 17/18, 2020
Module 4: December 8/9, 2020
Module 5: January 5/6, 2021
Module 6: January 26/27, 2021
Module 7: February 23/24, 2021
Module 8: March 16/17, 2021
Module 9: April 6/7, 2021
Module 10: April 27/28, 2021
Module 11: May 18/19, 2021
Module 12: June 8/9, 2021

All classes meet via Zoom from 9am-12:30pm

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TAC is a nationally recognized evidence based, post master’s training program for professionals in the social work, mental health and child welfare fields.

"As a supervisor, I have been able to incorporate the learning and interventions with my team.”
CT TAC Graduate
Learning Objectives

TAC participants will develop clinical skills in the following key areas:

- Loss, grief, separation, identity and attachment.
- Impact of genetics and past experiences on adjustment and psychological well-being of adopted children.
- Trauma’s impact on adopted children and tools to support recovery from adverse beginnings.
- Identity formation for adopted youth & young adults.
- Supporting adoptive parents in developing therapeutic parenting strategies.
- Assessment and intervention skills with adoptive families and birth families.
- Developmental stages of adoptive families and the process of adoptive family formation and integration.
- Adoption openness and ongoing connections.
- Needs of transracial and transcultural families.
- Evidence-based and evidence informed practices and interventions with individuals affected by adoption.
- Working effectively with service systems and the community on behalf of adoptive families.
- Strengthen the learning process through the case consultations, resulting in strong transfer of learning to practice.

Benefits for Clinicians

- Gain an in-depth understanding of core adoption issues and current clinical tools and evidence-based approaches
- Develop advanced skills through clinical case consultation from experts
- Develop a clinical specialty in high demand by a growing number of families
- Earn CEUs to fulfill professional development requirements

Benefits for Employers

- Adoption-competent clinicians on staff enhance an agency’s image and reputation, attracting increased numbers of referrals with a positive impact on revenue.
- Specially-trained adoption-competent clinicians support their agencies in risk management by bringing quality, evidence-informed clinical practices to their work.
- Highly trained clinicians experience greater job satisfaction, higher levels of motivation and are more likely to remain in their positions longer.