

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY

SECURING CHILDREN'S FUTURES

Postgraduate Certificate in Securing Children's Futures

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Admission

1. Admission is by application. Applicants:
 - i. are normally qualified social workers or allied professional workers, and
 - ii. are required, at the time of starting their programme, to be working in a childcare or family placement-related setting or to be contracted to provide assessment or intervention or consultation services to an agency, and
 - iii. must have clearly agreed and defined access to experiences, which in the opinion of the Programme Directors provide the required practice-based learning, and
 - iv. are required to hold a relevant degree and/or professional qualification, and
 - v. are required to be employed by a relevant agency or be working independently in a relevant field.
2. In exceptional circumstances, applicants without appropriate qualifications may be admitted on evidence that they can demonstrate their ability to work at post graduate level.

Duration of Study

3. The normal duration of study is nine months.

Mode of Study

4. The Postgraduate Certificate in Securing Children's Futures – Good Practice in Permanence Planning and Family Placement is available in part time study only. The programme is modular in nature.

Place of Study

5. The programme is delivered in accessible locations in Scotland. The Post Graduate Certificate in Securing Children's Futures is delivered by the Association for Fostering, Kinship and Adoption Scotland (AFKA); the taught components of the programme are delivered at locations which have agreements with AFKA Scotland.

Curriculum

6. All students undertake a curriculum based on the accumulation of 60 credits, derived from the following:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L5979	Setting the Context	5	20
L5977	Keeping the Child Central	5	20

L5978	Assessing and Supporting Carers	5	20
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Assessment

7. Candidates are required to pass written assessments for each module and to have their professional practice observed and verified by an appropriate person.
8. Candidates who fail to reach the required standard in any module are permitted one further attempt to pass that module.
9. Progression from one module to the next is not prohibited if a student has to re-submit. A timescale for re-submission of the failed assessment is negotiated. Candidates are required to 'pass' each assessed module to achieve the award of the post graduate certificate.
10. If a candidate fails to reach the required standard in any assignment they can continue on the programme and be awarded fifteen credits for each module 'passed'

Award

11. The final award is a Postgraduate Certificate for which the candidate must have accumulated 60 credits from the three assessed modules.