

The Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW) at the University of Minnesota is partnering with the Center for Adoption Support and Education (CASE), a national resource center, to offer a Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate (PACC). PACC is an advanced level certificate program for mental health and child welfare professionals. Please spread the news about this first ever advanced training in permanency and adoption offered in Minnesota to your students and colleagues.

The Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate (PACC) was developed in response to community demand to increase the number of mental health and child welfare professionals in the state who have the knowledge and skills to work clinically with foster and adopted children and youth and with their foster, relative/kin, adoptive and biological families.

The program will run simultaneously in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and Duluth. The certificate program includes:

- Thirteen in-class sessions
- Two self-guided (accessing online materials) sessions
- Six months (18 hours) of post-training clinical case consultation and supervision.

Participants that successfully complete the program receive a certificate of completion and listing on CASCW's directory of social workers and mental health practitioners that have successfully completed the PACC. Additionally, CASE is currently developing a national credential for professionals providing adoption and permanency services. Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate graduates with a master's level degree will be eligible for the national credential upon its development. Graduates of the Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate who have a baccalaureate degree will be able to petition for the national credential of completion upon successful completion of a master's degree in the future.

For more information about the Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate and how to register, please visit our website at <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/PracResources/PACC>. On our web site we provide information about training dates, tuition rate, applicant qualifications and session topics.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My information is listed below.

Best,
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