

## 2013 Adoption Certificate



The Adoption Certificate program is designed to help clinicians working with adoptive families meet the unique needs of this population. This program contains four adoption-focused courses that provide a foundation for adoption-centered practice for mental health therapists and adoption professionals. Emphasis is placed on understanding the varied experiences of adoptive families and their children, utilizing trauma-informed practice techniques, engaging, assessing, and treating adoptive families, identifying and using attachment connection and reparation with adoptive families, and understanding mental health diagnoses and treatment modalities most often used for adopted children. This program will focus on evidence-based practice and will equip participants with the specialized knowledge and skills needed to work effectively with adoptive families. Creating adoption competency in professionals providing services to adoptive families and their children is the goal of this program.

### How do I earn the Adoption Certificate?

To meet the requirements of the certificate, candidates must take both of the 6-hour required core courses and one of the 3-hour elective courses, for a total of 15 hours. Courses must be taken in their entirety to count toward the certificate. After fulfilling 15 hours, complete an Adoption Certificate application available at <https://socialwork.msu.edu/ceu/forms.php> and submit with \$15 payment. We will mail you a Certificate of Completion for your portfolio.

### How long do I have to earn the Adoption Certificate?

Certificate candidates are expected to complete the required 15 hours of courses by the end of the calendar year. It is suggested that the required courses be taken in the order displayed in the chart.

The objectives for the certificate program are:

- Provide a philosophical basis for treating and supporting adoptive families.
- Address the common issues that adoptive families bring to treatment settings.
- Provide adoption sensitive treatment strategies.
- Decrease the risk of adoptive families relinquishing their adopted children.

Required core courses	Elective courses (choose 1)
Understanding the Needs of Adopted Children & Families 6 CECHs	Common Diagnoses for Children Adopted from the Child Welfare System 3 CECHs
Treating & Supporting Adoptive Families 6 CECHs	Working with Children Who Have Attachment Issues 3 CECHs

# Understanding the Needs of Adopted Children & Families #3400



**Description:** The experiences that children and families have before, during, and after adoption impact how they approach treatment. Professionals who want to maximize their effectiveness with adoptive families need to have an understanding of the complexity of the adoption experience for children and families they are working with. This training will provide information about the impact of the adoption process on children and families, common and lifelong issues that all adoptees and adoptive families face, and the trauma experience that adopted children and their families share. Information about the impact of trauma on the adoptive family and specifically the children who have been adopted will be a focus in this training. Trauma symptoms and the impact of trauma on the development of adopted children will be discussed as will trauma-informed treatment strategies.

**Objectives:** As a result of this course, you will be prepared to:

- Understand the varied adoption experiences of children and families and the impact on treatment.
- Gain knowledge about the effect of core adoption issues on children and families.
- Learn about adoption issues across the life span of the adoptee.
- Understand the definition of trauma and traumatic stress and how these experiences may impact adopted children and their families.
- Identify the impact of traumatic experiences on development.
- Explore strategies for trauma-informed assessment and intervention when serving adopted children and their families.

Recommended for LMSW  
beginning and intermediate  
skill levels  
**Clinical Practice**

**Date:** May 9, 2013  
**Time:** Registration 8:30 AM • Program 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
**Location:** Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823  
**CECHs:** 6  
**Price:** \$135 all categories. Price includes materials and parking. Lunch and refreshments are on your own.  
**Early registration by May 6:** \$125 general price; \$99 MSU alumni and groups of four+ per person, Michigan Federation for Children and Families Full or Affiliate Member employee, Department of Human Services child welfare employee; \$75 student/retiree; \$30 MSU School of Social Work faculty, 2012–2013 field instructors, and field liaisons.  
**CE faculty:** **Cheryl Williams–Hecksel**, LMSW, field education coordinator for Statewide Blended and Weekend MSW programs at the School of Social Work at Michigan State University and Evidence Based Trauma Treatment project coordinator.  
**Rosemary Jackson**, LMSW, ACSW, is project specialist for Michigan State University School of Social Work.

# Change the Lens, Change the Life: Treating & Supporting Adoptive Families #3405



**Description:** The challenges facing parents and children of adoptive families can often result in tremendous stress. This stress can be expressed through destructive acting out behavior, resulting in fractured family relationships. This can lead to more acting out for both child and adult, creating a vicious negative cycle. This cycle can lead to a sense of hopelessness. In this course, participants will learn how to assist families in accessing their innate health through understanding concepts related to trauma, attachment, and the power of thought. Concrete strategies will be taught to support solid family relationships based on neurobiology, mindfulness principles, self regulation, and trauma-informed attachment parenting.

**Objectives:** As a result of this course, you will be prepared to:

- Describe the relationship between trauma, brain function, attachment, empathy and relational connection between parents and children in adoptive families.
- Discuss the neurobiology of the stress response for children and adults.
- Discuss thought world and its impact on the adoptive family related to feelings and behaviors.
- Discuss issues of grief and loss unique to the adoptive family.
- Discuss concrete strategies that support attachment, adult/child regulation, self care, shame resilience, and healthy self esteem.

Recommended for LMSW  
beginning and intermediate  
skill levels  
**Clinical Practice**

**Date:** June 7, 2013  
**Time:** Registration 8:30 AM • Program 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
**Location:** Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823  
**CECHs:** 6  
**Price:** \$145 all categories. Price includes materials and parking. Lunch and refreshments are on your own.  
**Early registration by June 1:** \$125 general price; \$99 MSU alumni and groups of four+ per person, Michigan Federation for Children and Families Full or Affiliate Member employee, Department of Human Services child welfare employee; \$75 student/retiree; \$30 MSU School of Social Work faculty, 2012–2013 field instructors, and field liaisons.  
**CE faculty:** **Annie Lange**, BSN, LMSW, ACSW, is a private practitioner, trainer, and mother of six children, five of whom are adopted

# Common Diagnoses for Children Adopted from the Child Welfare System #3409



**Description:** Adopted children have multiple and complex risk factors that play a role in mental health diagnoses. This course is designed to increase an understanding of the complex risk factors for children who are adopted from the child welfare system. How to help adoptive parents understand the emotional and behavioral challenges their children present, and from where and why these challenges originate will be discussed. The most frequent mental health diagnoses given to these children will be explored and an examination of the etiology of the medications prescribed for them and the potential side effects will be discussed. The treatment modalities most commonly provided based on the diagnoses given to these at-risk children and holistic techniques to help moderate the impact of these behavioral and emotional challenges will be a focus of the training.

**Objectives:** As a result of this course, you will be prepared to:

- Understand the complex risk factors for children who are adopted from the child welfare system.
- Identify the most frequent mental health diagnoses ascribed to children adopted from the system.
- Identify the most frequently prescribed medications for children, the purpose of those medications, and the potential side effects.
- Identify commonly used treatment modalities based on those diagnoses.
- Identify holistic techniques for use with children to moderate behavioral and emotional responses.

Recommended for LMSW  
beginning and intermediate  
skill levels  
**Clinical Practice**

**Date:** June 28, 2013  
**Time:** Registration 8:30 AM • Program 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM  
**Location:** Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823  
**CECHs:** 3  
**Price:** \$85 all categories. Price includes materials and parking. Refreshments are on your own.  
**Early registration by June 20:** \$65 general price; \$55 MSU alumni and groups of four+ per person, Michigan Federation for Children and Families Full or Affiliate Member employee, Department of Human Services child welfare employee; \$45 student/retiree; \$15 MSU School of Social Work faculty, 2012–2013 field instructors, and field liaisons.  
**CE faculty:** **Victoria Fitton**, PhD, LMSW, ACSW, clinical practitioner, Ruth Koehler Endowed Clinical Professor in Children Services, Michigan State University School of Social Work.

# Working with Children Who Have Attachment Issues #3410

**Description:** This course is designed to outline the importance and significance of attachment for children. The necessity of attachment and positive attachment relationships and the complex impact of disruption to those relationships will be discussed. The connection between attachment and the emotional and behavioral regulation or dysregulation in children that occurs in response to their attachment relationships and what attachment issues look like in a family will be examined. Adoptive parents' reactions to children with attachment issues will be discussed, and parenting techniques designed for children who have attachment issues will be explored. The session will conclude with an examination of effective self-care and self-management strategies and techniques for adoptive parents.

**Objectives:** As a result of this course, you will be prepared to:

- Understand the nature and necessity of a secure parent-child attachment relationship.
- Identify the connection between attachment relationships and emotional and behavioral regulation or dysregulation in children.
- Identify tools and techniques used to foster attachment connection and reparation.
- Identify tools and techniques for self care and self management for adoptive parents.

Recommended for LMSW  
beginning and intermediate  
skill levels  
**Clinical Practice**

**Date:** June 28, 2013  
**Time:** Registration 12:45 PM • Program 1:15 PM – 4:30 PM  
**Location:** Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823  
**CECHs:** 3  
**Price:** \$85 all categories. Price includes materials and parking. Refreshments are on your own.  
**Early registration by June 20:** \$65 general price; \$55 MSU alumni and groups of four+ per person, Michigan Federation for Children and Families Full or Affiliate Member employee, Department of Human Services child welfare employee; \$45 student/retiree; \$15 MSU School of Social Work faculty, 2012–2013 field instructors, and field liaisons.  
**CE faculty:** **Victoria Fitton**, PhD, LMSW, ACSW, clinical practitioner, Ruth Koehler Endowed Clinical Professor in Children Services, Michigan State University School of Social Work.

*See last page for Adoption Certificate course registration.*

### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

 **Online**

Visit [www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu](http://www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu) and follow instructions for online registration.

 **Fax**

Complete this two-page form, including your credit card payment information, and fax to (517) 353-2599.

 **Mail**

Return this two-page form with payment to:  
MSU-Social Work Continuing Education  
Baker Hall  
655 Auditorium Road, Suite 212  
East Lansing, MI 48824

*Please do not e-mail your registration information as this registration method is not secure.*

**REGISTRATION FORM CHECKLIST:**

- Check classes you want to take.
- If eligible, select discount criteria.
- Fill in name, address, e-mail, and accommodations request on registration form.
- Check payment type.
- Include payment.
- Submit this two-page form by mail or fax listed above.
- Receive confirmation within one week of the program, via e-mail only.
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- Write total payment amount at the bottom of page.

**Confirmations, including directions will be sent via e-mail only, one week prior to the event for which you have registered.**

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Please check if your information has changed since your last registration with us!

**Am I eligible for a discount?**

If you meet one of the following categories, please check the box. Mail or fax this form with payment BEFORE the early registration discount date listed and attend at the reduced rate.

- A – MSU alumni and groups of four+
- B – Student/retiree
- C – MSU School of Social Work faculty, field instructors, and field liaisons for 2012-2013 academic year
- D – Michigan Federation for Children and Families Full or Affiliate Member employee
- E – Department of Human Services child welfare employee

**PAYMENT INFORMATION • PLEASE COMPLETE**

Checks and money orders payable to: **MSU-Social Work Continuing Education  
Baker Hall  
655 Auditorium Road, Room 212  
East Lansing, MI 48824**

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Check	Date	Class Name	Price for All Categories	Early Registration Discounts		
				By This Date	General Price	Discount Price
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 9	3400 - Understanding the Needs of Adopted Children & Families	\$135	May 6	\$125	A&D&E \$99; B \$75; C \$30
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 7	3405 - Change the Lens, Change the Life: Treating & Supporting Adoptive Families	\$145	June 1	\$125	A&D&E \$99; B \$75; C \$30
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 28	3409 - Common Diagnoses for Children Adopted from the Child Welfare System	\$85	June 20	\$65	A&D&E \$55; B \$45; C \$15
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 28	3410 - Working with Children Who Have Attachment Issues	\$85	June 20	\$65	A&D&E \$55; B \$45; C \$15
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