

MODULE LGS2010: FAMILY LAW

Level: Intermediate

Theme: Social Context

Prerequisite: None

Module Description: Students examine a broad range of legal issues relating to personal relationships.

Module Parameters: No specialized equipment or facilities.

Supporting Modules: LGS1010 You & the Law 1 (As a Consumer and as a Family Member)
LGS1020 You & the Law 2 (In Society and in the Workplace)

Curriculum and Assessment Standards

Module Learner Expectations	Assessment Criteria and Conditions	Suggested Emphasis
<i>The student will:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">investigate the laws regarding different types of personal relationships	<i>Assessment of student achievement should be based on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">preparing a report that describes a minimum of four changes in the law as a result of changes in personal relationships which have taken place over the last 50 years. <i>Assessment Tool</i> <i>LGS2010–1: Family Law</i> <i>Standard</i> <i>Rating of 2</i>	25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">demonstrate basic competencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none">observations of individual effort and interpersonal interaction during the learning process. <i>Assessment Tools</i> <i>Basic Competencies Reference Guide and any assessment tools noted above</i>	75 Integrated throughout

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Concept	Specific Learner Expectations	Notes
History of Family Law	<p><i>The student should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research the development of laws related to the family. 	
Marriage and Cohabitation Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the law regarding the distribution of property of legally married partners and partners who are not legally married • describe the advantages and disadvantages of marriage and cohabitation contracts • explain the circumstances in which such contracts are considered valid by the court • prepare a sample marriage or cohabitation contract. 	<p><i>Matrimonial Properties Act</i></p> <p>Sample contracts from Mediation Services (Provincial Court)</p>
Breakdown of Marriage and Cohabitation Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research the rights and responsibilities of a partner in regard to credit, disposal of property, etc. • describe the obligations of parents to support children • analyze case studies of court decisions regarding distribution of property where there has been a breakdown of a marriage or a common-law relationship • research the laws designed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – protect victims of spousal, elder and child abuse – provide consequences for abusers and deter prospective abusers. 	
Extended Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research the legal implications of the marriage of people who have been previously married, in particular if there are children from the previous marriages • research the rights of grandparents to have access to grandchildren • describe the legal obligations of adult children to their aging parents • describe the advantages and disadvantages of the enduring power of attorney. 	<p><i>Change of Name Act</i></p> <p><i>Dependent Adults Act</i></p> <p>Canadian Grandparents' Rights Association (P.O. Box 64128, 5512-4 Street NW, Calgary, AB T2K 6J1)</p> <p>Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission</p> <p>Alberta Council on Aging</p> <p>Power of Attorney</p> <p><i>Domestic Relations Act</i></p>

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Access to Services	<p><i>The student should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • list services available to the family • research the legal obligations of the government to supply services to the family • evaluate the ability of individuals to secure equal access to services. 	<p>Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission Humans on Welfare <i>Individual's Rights Protection Act</i></p>
Challenging Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify some challenging issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – surrogate mothers – living wills – private and public adoption – abortion – health issues – midwifery – homosexual parents – spousal and child maintenance – family violence – substance abuse – child neglect • research one of these issues • research the laws in Canada regarding the issue • compare legislation in Canada with that in other countries • research alternatives • propose possible solutions. 	
Law-related Careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe careers in family law; e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – mediator – family court counsellor – surrogate court staff. 	