

Finance, Trust

STEP Advanced Certificate in Family Business Governance

Course Details

Price

£1,400.00

Length

Online self-study for 4 months. Next course start date 05 January 2026. Cost for STEP members is £1,

Course Overview

The course demonstrates the importance of family business governance; examines the different situations in the lifecycle of the family, the owners and the business that require more formal governance and highlights the limitations of natural governance. Focusing on ownership governance, family governance and business governance, this course helps advisers to develop ever more creative and innovative solutions to help family business clients face the challenges that are unique to them by virtue of being a family in business together, and plan for the future of their business and their family's future.

It is recommended that this programme is studied in conjunction with the **STEP Advanced Certificate in Advising the Family Business**.

This course is designed for all professionals working with a family business looking to expand in their profession and carry out their role more effectively.

Students of this course typically include:

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- Lawyers/Solicitors/Attorneys
- Accountants
- Financial Planners
- Trust Managers (Senior)
- Wealth Managers
- Tax Advisors
- Compliance Officers/Managers
- Bankers
- Family Office Executives

Features:

- This course is widely applicable and essential to anyone working with a family business.
- The programme is not jurisdiction or culturally specific – it has been designed to be accessible for all professions across the world, speaking in a common language so that those from different specialisms can collaborate to better serve their family business clients.
- Designed, written and delivered with leading industry experts.
- Successful completion provides 30 Diploma Level credits.

Course price: £1,195 (£1,145 STEP discounted fee)

Course Content

Following this course you will be able to:

- Understand the complexities of working with family businesses.
- Analyse family business dynamics, governance issues and sources of conflict.
- Apply a range of proven tools to help the family business achieve its objectives.
- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge expected of a competent family business adviser operating within the bounds of their own profession of origin.

The course is available for study twice annually with intakes beginning in January and July (and assessments taking place in May and November). The programme is delivered online and will take four months to complete. We recommend that you spend four to six hours per week on private study for the four months prior to the assessment.

Enrolment onto this course will include the following:

- Access to an online learning platform that contains :
- Interactive e-learning modules comprising a combination of text, videos, podcasts, animations and interactive activities,
- Printable versions of the modules and downloadable resources for delegates to keep following completion of the course,
- Self-assessment questions and summative tasks for each module.
- Assessment fees.

Next enrolment by: 05 January 2026

The full course timetable can be found [here](#).

Benefits

The STEP Advanced Certificate in Family Business Governance builds upon the theories and frameworks covered in the **STEP Advanced Certificate in Advising the Family Business** and explores how the advisory community can absorb these new ideas and theories and apply them in practice.

Next Steps

Whilst we at the GTA promote and facilitate the STEP programmes, bookings are made directly with CLT International, STEP's exclusive training provider. To enrol please [book online](#).