

International Board Certified Lactation Consultant® (IBCLC®) Certification

IBCLC Examination Eligibility Criteria

Education

(complete all)

- **Health science subjects:** via recognised clinical health profession *or* 14 subject courses, **AND**
- **Human lactation and breastfeeding:** 90 hours within 5 years prior to application, **AND**
- **Communication skills:** 5 hours within 5 years prior to application, **AND**

Lactation-Specific Clinical Practise

(choose one)

- **Pathway 1:** 1,000 hours in an appropriate supervised setting, **OR**
- **Pathway 2:** 300 hours of directly supervised lactation-specific clinical practise at an accredited lactation academic programme, **OR**
- **Pathway 3:** 500 hours in mentorship with an IBCLC pre-verified by IBLCE

(All clinical hours must be completed within 5 years prior to application)

IBCLC Recertification Criteria

(Every 5 years after passing the examination)

CERPs

(Continuing Education Recognition Points)

Minimum of 75 CERPs, including: 50 L-CERPs (Lactation), 5 E-CERPs (Ethics), and 20 L-, E-, or R-CERPs (Related), **AND**

Lactation Consulting Practise

250 hours (education, administration, research, clinical practise, advocacy), **AND**

Basic Life Support Education

- OR -

Examination

Required every 10 years **until 2021.**

IBCLCs recertifying **in 2022 and beyond** will have the **OPTION** to recertify by examination, but it will no longer be a **REQUIREMENT.**

