

Test your skills at an international level and join the 14000 professionals worldwide who possess the title IBCLC!

"The IBCLC credential is wonderful to have in my area of child health nursing. I feel confident in the knowledge I have gained and find it essential in counselling mothers in all aspects of breastfeeding."

Astrid Holubowsky, paediatric nurse, IBCLC, Vienna, Austria

"As one of the first IBCLCs in Hungary I am all excited that in the coming years breastfeeding mothers will benefit from the expert support of professionals all over the country."

Ibolya Éva Rózsa, mother-support-group leader, IBCLC, Budapest, Hungary

The IBCLC credential opened up a chance for me to work in Switzerland, at the neonatology department of the university hospital in Zurich. I was chosen over two other health professionals without the credential.

Petra von Westphalen, paediatric nurse, IBCLC from Germany

"Thanks to the committed effort of our team of 13 IBCLCs, our maternity hospital, handling 12000 births a year, now is ready to apply for official assessment to get the UNICEF award "Baby Friendly Hospital."

Jane Abdullali, nurse/midwife, IBCLC, Assistant Director of Nursing, Cornish Hospital, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Do you want more information?

We look forward to hearing from you! *The Candidate Information Guide* and *Exam Application Supplement* for your country provides comprehensive information.

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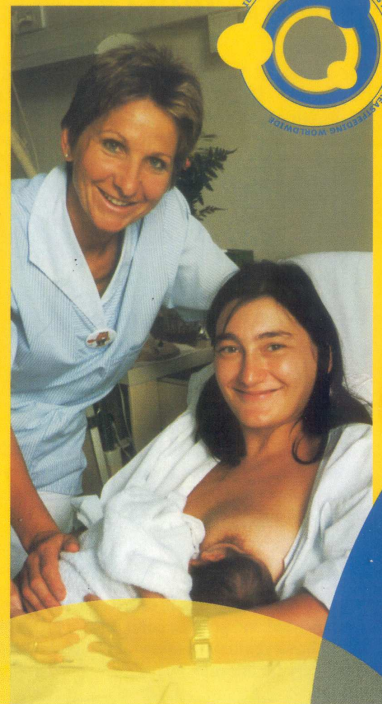
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The IBCLC Credential

International Board Certified Lactation Consultant

The Professional Standard in Breastfeeding Support

International
Board of
Lactation
Consultant Examiners

What is an IBCLC?

The credential "International Board Certified Lactation Consultant" - IBCLC identifies an experienced member of the health care team who has acquired specialist skills, made an in-depth study of breastfeeding and lactation and passed an examination set at university level of difficulty.

Who benefits from the skills of an IBCLC?

Mothers

Breastfeeding is a socially learned skill which has been passed on from mothers to daughters for centuries. In the modern world many parents rely on the health system for this kind of support.

Health professionals

Professionals would like to offer the support breastfeeding mothers need and provide solutions for breastfeeding problems, however their training may not have prepared them adequately for this role.

Hospital and community services

Most IBCLCs work as nurses, midwives or doctors in a maternity ward, NICU or paediatric unit or in the community. Mothers expect expert support when breastfeeding their babies and many will choose a facility which can provide this service.

Training and Continuing Education

Some IBCLCs work as educators for other health professionals and teach the practical skills and scientific background of breastfeeding and lactation issues.

Public Health

It is a scientific fact that breastfeeding provides health benefits for both mothers and babies. There are also cost savings for public health when there are high breastfeeding rates. IBCLCs are key people in implementing policies for governments.

The IBLCE Organisation

IBLCE stands for "International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners", an international group of leading experts in breastfeeding and lactation who have administered an exam of the highest standard for health professionals since 1985. The IBCLC credential possesses the accreditation of the US National Commission for Certifying Agencies. IBLCE is a non-profit organisation.

Candidate Profile

This credential is for members of the health care team who have many years of experience counselling breastfeeding mothers. They will have extensively studied the art and science of breastfeeding and lactation. Professional education courses are available in many countries and over the internet.

The exam at a glance

Competency based exam in multiple choice format
Content of exam is practice oriented
offered at over 130 exam sites around the world
translated into at least 10 languages
exam fees adapted to income structure of countries

The IBCLC Credential - more than just a title

Continuing education is mandatory
IBCLCs recertify every 5 years
adhere to a Code of Ethics and work according to Professional Standards of Practice

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