



Health Center Association
OF NEBRASKA

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LACTATION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Empower Families with the Knowledge and Support They Need



OVERVIEW

HCAN is offering a **\$1,200 reimbursement** for health center staff to cover the cost of enrollment in an approved **Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) training program**. Support your staff in becoming certified to help parents successfully navigate infant feeding from birth through early development.

Business Case: Why have a CLC-certified employee?

- Allows your health center to offer lactation counseling services to your patients. Some health centers charge a fee or suggested donation for providing these services, usually between \$20-\$75.
- Recruit patients to complete their prenatal care at your health center or to select your health center for their newborn's pediatric care. These are both populations that are very likely to have insurance.
- Retain high-performing employees by investing in their growth at minimal cost to your team.

Having a Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) on staff enhances a health center's ability to support breastfeeding, which is linked to improved infant and maternal health outcomes. CLCs provide evidence-based guidance that can reduce formula-related costs, lower rates of infant illness, and improve long-term health.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Certified Lactation Counselors play a key role in:

- Increasing breastfeeding initiation and duration rates
- Providing culturally responsive, evidence-based feeding support
- Reducing health disparities among infants and birthing parents
- Enhancing continuity of care from prenatal to postpartum

Boost your health center's capacity to support infant nutrition and maternal health through expert counseling.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

This opportunity is ideal for:

- Providers
- Nurses & MAs
- Health educators
- Community health workers
- Care coordinators and home visiting staff
- Anyone passionate about supporting lactation and infant health

Support every
baby's best start.
Invest in lactation
counselor training
today!



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PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Reimbursement Amount:** Up to \$1,200 per participant
- **Covers:** Tuition/fees/books for approved CLC training programs
- **Eligibility:** Staff employed by a participating health center
- **Limited funding available - apply soon!**

Course	Website	Average Length of Course	Cost	Requirements
Center for Breastfeeding	https://centerforbreastfeeding.org/register_lctc/	95 hours or 6 months	\$821	Online course, exam
Childbirth International	https://childbirthinternational.com/lactation-counselor/	Self-paced	\$990-\$1065	Online course, exams, community survey, 30 hours of lactation support
International Breastfeeding Institute	https://internationalbreastfeedinginstitute.com/bec	95 hours	\$790	Online course, exams

Applications will be accepted starting **Monday, August 11th through Wednesday, December 31st** or until all funding has been allocated. Notification of award will be made within two [2] weeks of the initial application submission.

INTERESTED IN APPLYING? [CLICK HERE!](#)

Please complete and submit this form to apply for the Certified Lactation Counselor Training. A Health Center Lead must approve your application. Questions? Contact Samantha at sdw@hcanebraska.org.