



Your Pathway to become an IBCLC

Are you a healthcare professional, peer counselor, or a volunteer in a clinical setting?

Pathway 1



Are you a licensed healthcare professional?

Yes

No

Dentist, Dietitian, Midwife, Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist, Physical Therapist or Physiotherapist, Physician or Medical Doctor, Speech Pathologist or Therapist

14 Health Science Courses

8 courses from an institute of higher learning, minimum 25 hours. Must earn a passing grade.

6 courses of continuing education and current life support certification.

90 Hours of Lactation-Specific Education

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5 Hours of Communication Skills

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Document 1000 Clinical Hours

Supervision Not Required

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Do you want to enroll in college and pursue a degree in Lactation?

Pathway 2



Only available in the United States

- Colleges that meet the requirements for Pathway 2
- Drexel University
 - Johnson C. Smith University
 - Portland State University
 - UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
 - Union Institute and University
 - University of California San Diego Extension
 - Georgia Northwestern Technical College - Rome
 - Henry Ford College

Classes Must Include 5 Hours of Communication Skills

Document 300 Directly Supervised Clinical Hours

Can you locate a current IBCLC that is willing and able to officially mentor and directly supervise you?

Pathway 3



Must have IBLCE application approved prior to beginning

14 Health Science Courses *

*or be a licensed health professional

8 courses from an Institute of higher learning, minimum 25 hours. Must earn a passing grade.

6 courses of continuing education and current Life support certification.

90 Hours of Lactation-Specific Education

5 Hours of Communication Skills

Document 500 Directly Supervised Clinical Hours by IBCLC



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