



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Unit
Nutrition Services Section

DATE: November 15, 2011

SUBJECT: FY 2012 Additional Scholarships for Clinical Lactation Practicum

The State Agency will be awarding a second round of scholarships to attend the Clinical Lactation Practicum in FY 2012 at Austin (Mom's Place), Houston (Lactation Foundation), and Dallas (Lactation Care Center) due to the increased availability of training opportunities. WIC staff awarded scholarships will attend the practicum at no cost to the local agency and will be reimbursed for all reasonable travel and hotel expenses.

The Clinical Lactation Practicum (CLP) is focused on increasing the health care professional's knowledge base for identifying lactation problems and implementing scientific research-based interventions. The CLP provides an opportunity for direct observation, instruction, and demonstration of breastfeeding support and counseling. Students observe examples of lactation consultation performed by an experienced board-certified lactation consultant, one-to-one in a dynamic clinic setting.

To qualify for a scholarship, WIC staff must have successfully completed *Principles of Lactation Management* (POLM) and *Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving* (LCPS) training no more than 5 years prior to the date of the CLP rotation. Both POLM and LCPS trainings must be successfully completed **prior to applying** for a CLP scholarship. For more information, visit policy BF: 04.0 at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/policy/pdf_files/BF_04-0.pdf.

The scholarship recipients will be selected based on: the individual's qualifications, local agency need, geographical proximity to lactation support, etc. Scholarships will be awarded to the individual. WIC staff who have previously completed the CLP at any training center are eligible to apply for another practicum scholarship after 5 years of their previous CLP rotation date. We encourage WIC staff working directly with breastfeeding moms to apply for these scholarships, especially staff interested in sitting for the IBLCE exam. All applicants will receive notification via letter to the WIC Director of the scholarship award or wait list status.

To apply for a scholarship, all 3 pages of the attached application must be completed and faxed to Cristina García or Lindsey Randall at (512) 341-4473 no later than **COB, Friday, December 16, 2011**.

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If you already submitted an application or awarded a rotation for an FY 12 CLP scholarship at any of the training centers, it is not necessary to resubmit an application or reselect rotation dates. If you were awarded a CLP rotation not listed, it is not cancelled. The rotation dates listed in this application reflect the available remaining rotations.

If you have questions regarding the scholarship application, please contact Cristina García, Breastfeeding Promotion Nutritionist, at (512) 341-4583, crisrina.garcia@dshs.state.tx.us, or Lindsey Randall, Breastfeeding Promotion Nutritionist, at (512) 341-4594, lindsey.randall@dshs.state.tx.us. If you have questions regarding site-specific information, please contact each training center directly at:

- Maryann Todd-Thompson, Director of Mom's Place, at (512) 719-3010 or visit <http://www.momsplace.org>
- Alisa Sanders, Manager of the Lactation Foundation, at (713) 839-0527 or visit www.lactationfoundation.org
- Christine Wiseman, Manager of the Lactation Care Center, at (214) 670-7222 or visit www.lactationcarecenterdallas.com

Attachments

FY 2012 Scholarship Application: Clinical Lactation Practicum

Please complete the following application to be considered for a Clinical Lactation Practicum (CLP) scholarship. Incomplete applications, including pending trainings, will not be considered.

Name/Credentials: _____ Local Agency # _____

Work Title: _____

Work Email: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: () _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Home Email: _____

Please indicate the best method of contact – **Circle all that apply:** Work Home Email Phone

Do you have regular access to the internet? **Circle your response:** Yes No

Principles of Lactation Management	Dates Completed: Location: (NOTE: POLM must be completed no more than 5 years prior to the date of CLP rotation)
Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving	Dates Completed: Location: (NOTE: LCPS must be completed no more than 3 years prior to the date of CLP rotation)
Have you previously attended a CLP rotation?	Dates completed: Location:
How many other staff at your Local Agency has completed the following?	Principles of Lactation Management : Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving : Clinical Lactation Practicum (CLP) :
How many hours per week do you work directly (one-to-one) with breastfeeding moms?	

Which training center are you applying to attend a CLP rotation? Circle all that apply:

Austin (Mom’s Place) Houston (Lactation Foundation) Dallas (Lactation Care Center)

For each of the training centers you are applying, mark four dates you would be available to attend with a 1, 2, 3, 4 according to your preference to attend. You *must* be available to attend on all dates marked – preferred dates will be accommodated as best as possible.

CLP @ AUSTIN rotations will be offered on the following dates.

	February 22-24, 2012		June 20-22, 2012
	April 18 – 20, 2012		July 18-20, 2012
	May 23-25, 2012		August 15-17, 2012

1 = 1st choice 2 = 2nd choice 3 = 3rd choice 4 = 4th choice

CLP @ HOUSTON rotations will be offered on the following dates.

	January 24 – 26, 2012		May 8 – 10, 2012		August 21 – 23, 2012
	April 10 – 12, 2012		June 5 – 7, 2012		September 18 – 20, 2012
	April 17 – 19, 2012				

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CLP @ DALLAS rotations will be offered on the following dates.

	April 10 – 12, 2012		June 19 – 21, 2012		August 28-30, 2012
	May 1 – 3, 2012		July 10 – 12, 2012		September 11-13, 2012
	June 5 – 7, 2012		July 17 – 19, 2012		

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FY 2012 Scholarship Application: Clinical Lactation Practicum

How will your completion of the Clinical Lactation Practicum benefit your local agency?	
What other information would you like considered with your application? For example – Do you train employees that work directly with breastfeeding moms? Are there any local training opportunities similar to CLP available for you to attend? etc.	

Applicants must coordinate with their WIC Directors/Breastfeeding Coordinators/Supervisors to ensure clinic coverage while attending the CLP. All applicants will receive notification via letter to the WIC Director of the scholarship award or wait list status.

By signing below, you are submitting your application to be considered for a scholarship to the Clinical Lactation Practicum.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Local Agency: _____

WIC Director: _____

WIC Director Signature: _____

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