



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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Nutrition Services Section

DATE: August 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Changes to the Clinical Lactation Practicum (CLP)

The information below explains changes to the CLP. Please share this information with all staff during your next staff meeting.

In the past, CLP rotations were offered through an application process for the award of a scholarship. **Beginning with the FY 2013 CLP rotations, the application/scholarship process has been replaced by a registration form.** WIC staff should be registered by their WIC Directors for the CLP in the same way they are for any other breastfeeding training.

The CLP focuses on increasing a healthcare professional's knowledge so they can identify lactation problems and implement evidence-based interventions. The CLP provides direct observation, instruction, and demonstration of breastfeeding support and counseling. Students observe examples of lactation consultations performed by an experienced International Board Certified Lactation Consultant in a dynamic clinic setting.

To register for the CLP, two prerequisite trainings are required. No more than five years prior to the date of the CLP rotation, WIC staff must have been successfully completed *Principles of Lactation Management* (POLM) and *Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving* (LCAPS). International Board Certified Lactation Consultants are exempt from the prerequisite requirement. All WIC staff working directly with breastfeeding moms are encouraged to attend a CLP rotation, especially those who are interested in sitting for the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners exam. For more information, please review WIC Breastfeeding Policy, [WIC Policy BF: 04.0](#), at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/policy/pdf_files/BF_04-0.pdf.

Trainings will be held at the following locations:

CLP at Austin: [Mom's Place](#)

8701-B Research Blvd., Austin, Texas 78758
800-514-6667 or 512-719-3010

CLP at Dallas: [Lactation Care Center](#)

2600 North Stemmons Freeway, Suite 188, Dallas, Texas 75207
855-550-6667 or 214-670-7222

CLP at Houston: [Lactation Foundation](#)

2636 South Loop West, #135, Houston, Texas 77054
877-550-5008 or 713-839-0527

Requests for specific attendance dates will be accommodated when possible; however, students will be grouped according to educational backgrounds and job titles, so you may find it necessary to choose an alternate date. An email confirmation will be sent to confirm your registration. Site specific information will be handled by the Lactation Support Center Directors at each site.

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To register for a CLP, fax the attached form to (512) 341-4473 to the attention of Missy Hammer, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nutrition Education and Clinic Services Unit or email it to her at Missy.Hammer@dshs.state.tx.us. Should you have questions or need more information about the changes to the CLP registration process, please call Cristina Garcia at 512-341-4583 or email her at Cristina.Garcia@dshs.state.tx.us.

Attachment

**Clinical Lactation Practicum
FY 2013 Registration Form**

Name/Credentials: _____ **LA #:** _____

Job Title: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City/Zip:** _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Training Prerequisites: Enter the date registered for or completed. Training must have been completed no more than 5 years prior.

**Date Registered or
Completed**

Principles of Lactation Management: _____

Lactation Counseling & Problem Solving: _____

CLP Dates: Rotations will be offered at the specified locations on the dates listed below. Enrollment dates and availability are limited. Students will be grouped by education and job title.

+ indicates student participation is limited to Degreed/Licensed/Board Certified Professionals such as RNs, LVNs, RDs, LDs, IBCLCs, and Nutritionists.

* indicates student participation is limited to non-Degreed/non-Licensed Para-Professionals such as Peer Counselors, WIC Certifying Specialists, etc.

CLP @ Austin	CLP @ Dallas	CLP @ Houston
+ Oct 17-19, 2012	+ Oct 23-25, 2012	+ Oct 3-5, 2012
* Nov 7-9, 2012	* Nov 6-8, 2012	* Oct 17-19, 2012
+ Jan 23-25, 2013	* Jan 8-10, 2013	* Oct 24-26, 2012
+ Feb 6-8, 2013	+ Jan 22-24, 2013	+ Nov 7-9, 2012
* Feb 20-22, 2013	* Feb 18-20, 2013	+ Jan 16-18, 2013
* March 6-8, 2013	+ March 12-14, 2013	* Jan 3-Feb 1, 2013
+ April 3-5, 2013	* March 26-28, 2013	+ Feb 6-8, 2013
* April 17-19, 2013	+ April 16-18, 2013	* Feb 20-22, 2013
+ May 15-17, 2013	* May 7-9, 2013	* March 20-22, 2013
+ June 5-7, 2013	+ May 21-23, 2013	+ April 3-5, 2013
* June 19-21, 2013	* June 4-6, 2013	* April 24-26, 2013
* July 17-19, 2013	* Aug 27-29, 2013	+ May 1-3, 2013
+ Aug 7-9, 2013	+ Sept 17-19, 2013	* May 15-17, 2013
* Aug 21-23, 2013		+ June 5-7, 2013
+ Sept 18-20, 2013		* June 19-21, 2013
		+ Aug 7-9, 2013
		* Aug 21-23, 2013
		* Aug 28-30, 2013
		+ Sept 11-13, 2013
		* Sept 25-27, 2013

Preferred Training Location: _____

Preferred Training Date: (1st choice) _____

Preferred Training Date: (2nd choice) _____

Fax completed forms to Missy Hammer at 512-341-4473 or email to Missy.Hammer@dshs.state.tx.us or you may visit the CLP website at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/lactate/cl_lactate.shtm .