



## HOW TO BECOME CLE™ CERTIFIED

Thank you for your interest in the Certified Lactation Educator Training. CAPPACLE offers the only Certified Lactation Educator Course (CLE™) available. The Certified Lactation Educator Training is a professional, evidence-based course that prepares students to effectively communicate many aspects of breastfeeding. This course in itself does NOT issue CLE™ Certification. It is however, the first step to becoming a Certified CLE™.

**CAPPACLE Membership & Certification**

In order to become Certified, students must be a member of CAPPACLE and complete CAPPACLE Academy (the online course and paperwork) for the CLE™. CAPPACLE Academy tuition may be made to the CAPPACLE Store (\$175) after completing the CLE™ training. CAPPACLE membership (\$55 annually) is recommended for course participation, and required for CLE™ Certification. Membership may be purchased at time of registration, during the training or from the CAPPACLE store. Questions? [cledirector@cappa.net](mailto:cledirector@cappa.net)

The CLE™ three-day training fulfills the requirements for Peer Counselor Training, BFHI Lactation Hours, Core Competencies and Lactation Educator training, but in order to become a Certified Lactation Educator, students must also become a CAPPACLE member (\$55 annual fee), enroll in CAPPACLE Academy (\$175), complete HUG your baby (\$30), complete the coursework and pass an online exam. The total investment for becoming a Certified Lactation Educator can be as low as \$660.

**Understand the CAPPACLE Academy advantage.**

- Students have two years from their training date to complete the certification process.
- Students can accomplish the program in as little as a few weeks or take up to two years, depending on their schedule.
- Students can take their test online at a convenient time for them, when they had had adequate time to prepare and study.
- The CAPPACLE CLE™ (20 Hour Lactation Educator) course gives students the opportunity to get to know their lactation community, prepare them for reading lactation research and staying current, as well as measuring competency with an exam.
- Most students do not do well taking an exam at the end of a multiple day course. The CAPPACLE Course is designed to help you succeed AND retain the information you have learned.

**CAPPACLE Membership Benefits**

Being a CAPPACLE member also has many advantages. CAPPACLE members may attend the annual conference free (break out sessions not included), join social media networking sites, interact with other members in iCAPPACLE, get exclusive product deals, and advertise their services on their own profile listing.

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## **How Does Certification Work?**

The three-day intensive lactation training fulfills the Baby Friendly and Core Competencies requirements. It is a wonderful refresher course and a valuable training for anyone working with moms and babies. Nurses often take the course to gain lactation knowledge or add to their resume in the highly competitive field. The three-day training alone provides an excellent overview of lactation and completes the training for a Lactation Educator.

Beyond the three day training, individuals are encouraged to pursue Certification as Lactation Educators and become a CLE through CAPP Academy. The Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association has developed a certification process that enables educators to instruct in a wide range of breastfeeding areas. The certification process is important because it signifies a level of competence and provides validity to your professional community.

## **Steps to Certification**

- Attend the 20 Hour CAPP Lactation Educator Training (Approx. \$450)
- Become a CAPP Member (\$55 year)
- Choose your pathway (Traditional or Accelerated) and enroll in CAPP Academy (\$175 includes all requirements, downloads, and online exam)
- Complete requirements outlined in CAPP Academy dependent on your pathway

To see a detailed list of the steps for each pathway, visit:  
<http://www.cappa.net/get-certified.php?lactation-educator>

Individuals currently working in the birthing/breastfeeding or education field will find many of the requirements are completed in their daily work, those seeking a Certified Lactation Educator. Since it would be impossible to thoroughly understand the position of the Certified Lactation Educator in only three days, CAPP has developed an on-line course that gives a thorough overview. Others may need to make more of an effort, but the CAPP CLE Trainer will be available for mentoring and guidance through the process, and applicants have 2 years to complete the certification)

## **Are you and RN, LLL, or Childbirth Educator?**

Individuals currently working in the lactation field may qualify for the Accelerated Program, which is a much abbreviated course. To see if you qualify, visit:  
<http://www.cappa.net/get-certified.php?lactation-educator#accelerated>  
or email the Executive Director at [cledirector@cappa.net](mailto:cledirector@cappa.net).

*This program does not issue Lactation Consultant status, and does not qualify one to issue medical advice, diagnose medical conditions for mother or baby, or to prescribe treatment or medication. Please read the lactation educator position paper and the CLE™ CLE™ scope of practice at [www.cappa.net](http://www.cappa.net).*

**For questions about certification, please email the Executive Director of Lactation at**