



20 Hour Lactation Educator™

CAPPA CLE Course

Certification 2015-2016

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Thank you for your interest in the Certified Lactation Educator Training. CAPPA 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™.

CAPPA Membership & Certification

In order to become Certified, students must be a member of CAPPA and complete CAPPA Academy (the online course and paperwork) for the CLE™. CAPPA Academy tuition may be made to the CAPPA Store (\$175) after completing the CLE™ training. CAPPA 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 CAPPA store.

Questions? 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 CAPPA member (\$55 annual fee), enroll in CAPPA Academy (\$175), complete HUG your baby (\$30), complete the coursework and pass an online exam.

Understand the CAPPA 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 CAPPA 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 CAPPA Course is designed to help you succeed AND retain the information you have learned.

CAPPA Membership Benefits

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

SO HOW DO I CERTIFY?

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
- 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/lactation-educator>

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/lactation-educator> or email the Executive Director at 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™ scope of practice at www.cappa.net.

For questions about certification, please email the Executive Director of Lactation at CLEDirector@cappa.net.

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