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**TO:** WIC Regional Directors #08-096  
WIC Local Agency Directors

**FROM:** Linda Brumble, Unit Manager (Original Signed)  
Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Unit  
Nutrition Services Section

**DATE:** July 31, 2008

**SUBJECT:** FY 09 Scholarships for Clinical Lactation Practicum

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Pending availability of funds, the State agency will be awarding an additional 40 scholarships to attend the Clinical Lactation Practicum in Austin again in FY 09. WIC staff who are awarded scholarships will attend the practicum at no cost and will be reimbursed for travel and hotel.

The Clinical Lactation Practicum provides an opportunity for direct observation, instruction, and demonstration of breastfeeding support and counseling. Students observe examples of lactation consultation while mentoring with an experienced board-certified lactation consultant one-to-one in a dynamic clinic setting. Curriculum materials are provided.

To qualify for a scholarship, WIC staff must have successfully completed Principles of Lactation Management and Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving trainings within the last five years or will have completed them prior to attending the Clinical Lactation Practicum. WIC staff who have previously been awarded and completed a practicum scholarship are not eligible for another practicum scholarship. To apply for a scholarship, the attached application must be filled out and faxed to Tracy Erickson, WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator, at (512) 341-4419 no later than August 15, 2008.

If you have questions regarding the scholarship application, contact Tracy Erickson, WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator, at (512) 341-4400, or [tracy.erickson@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:tracy.erickson@dshs.state.tx.us). If you have specific questions regarding the Clinical Lactation Practicum, call Maryann Todd-Thompson, Director of Mom's Place, at (512) 719-3010.

## **Scholarship Application**

### **Clinical Lactation Practicum**

Local Agency# \_\_\_\_\_ Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 (and any credentials)

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Work email \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work fax \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Home email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Principles of Lactation Management

Date you completed \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving**

Date you completed \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

3. **How many other staff at your local agency have completed:**

Principles of Lactation Management? \_\_\_\_\_

Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving? \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical Lactation Practicum? \_\_\_\_\_

4. **How many hours per week do you work directly (one-on-one) with breastfeeding moms? \_\_\_\_\_**

5. **How will you completing the Clinical Lactation Practicum benefit your local agency?**

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6. **The Clinical Lactation Practicum scholarships will be offered on the dates listed below.**

Each one begins at 9:00 am on a Wednesday and ends at 12:00 noon on a Friday. Mark four dates you would be able to attend with a 1, 2, 3, or 4 according to your preference to attend. You must be available to attend on all four dates marked.

1 – 1<sup>st</sup> choice to attend, 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> choice

	October 8-10, 2008		April 15-17, 2009
	October 15-17, 2008		April 29-May 1, 2009
	November 5-7, 2008		May 6-8, 2009
	January 28-30, 2009		June 17-19, 2009
	February 4-6, 2009		August 19-21, 2009
	February 18-20, 2009		September 16-18, 2009
	March 4-6, 2009		

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