



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 19, 2010

SUBJECT: FY 2011 Scholarships for Clinical Lactation Practicum at Houston

The State Agency will be awarding scholarships to attend the Clinical Lactation Practicum at Houston in FY 2011. 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 a lactation problem and implementing a scientific research-based intervention. 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* no more than 5 years prior to the date of the CLP rotation and *Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving* training no more than 3 years prior to the date of the CLP rotation (for more information, visit policy *BF: 04.0* at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/policy/pdf_files/BF_04-0.pdf).

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 are eligible to apply for another practicum scholarship after 5 years of their previous CLP rotation date.

All WIC staff working directly with breastfeeding moms are encouraged to apply for these scholarships, especially staff interested in sitting for the IBLCE exam. Applicants will receive notification via letter to the WIC Director of the scholarship award or wait list status. To apply for a scholarship, please complete the attached application and fax it to Cristina García at **(512) 341-4473** no later than **COB, Friday, December 10, 2010**.

If you have questions regarding the scholarship application, please contact Cristina García, Breastfeeding Promotion Nutritionist, at (512)341-4583 or cristina.garcia@dshs.state.tx.us. If you have specific questions regarding the CLP at Houston, please contact Alisa Sanders, Manager of the Lactation Foundation, at (713) 839-0527 or visit www.lactationfoundation.org.

Attachments

FY 2011 Scholarship Application: Clinical Lactation Practicum at Houston

Name/Credentials: _____ Local Agency # _____
 Title: _____

Work Address: _____
 Work Phone: () _____
 Work Email: _____

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: <small>(NOTE: POLM must be completed no more than 5 years prior to the date of CLP rotation)</small>
Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving	Dates Completed: Location: <small>(NOTE: LCPS must be completed no more than 3 years prior to the date of CLP rotation)</small>
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?	
How will your completion of the Clinical Lactation Practicum benefit your local agency?	

FY 2011 Scholarship Application: Clinical Lactation Practicum at Houston

The Clinical Lactation Practicum Scholarships will be offered on the dates listed below. Each rotation will be held in Houston based out of the Lactation Foundation. Days begin at **7:30 am on Tuesday** and end at **12:00 pm on Thursday**. 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 selected.

1 = 1st choice

2 = 2nd choice

3 = 3rd choice

4 = 4th choice

	January 18 – 20, 2011		May 3 – 5, 2011
	February 1 – 3, 2011		May 17 – 19, 2011
	February 15 – 17, 2011		June 7 – 9, 2011
	March 1 – 3, 2011		August 16 – 18, 2011
	March 15 – 17, 2011		August 23-25, 2011
	March 29 – 31, 2011		September 6 – 8, 2011
	April 5 – 7, 2011		September 20-22, 2011
	April 19 – 21, 2011		

Applicants must coordinate with their WIC Director, breastfeeding coordinator or supervisor to ensure clinic coverage while attending the CLP at Houston. 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 at Houston.

Applicant Signature:

**Fax both pages of your application to
Cristina García at (512) 341-4473 by
COB Friday, December 10, 2010.**