



## Memorandum

---

---

**11-082**

**TO:** WIC Regional Directors  
WIC Local Agency Directors

**FROM:** Linda Brumble, Unit Manager  
Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Unit  
Nutrition Services Section

**DATE:** June 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** FY 2012 Scholarships for Clinical Lactation Practicum

---

---

The State Agency will be awarding scholarships to attend the Clinical Lactation Practicum in FY 2012 at Austin (Mom's Place), Houston (Lactation Foundation), and Dallas (Lactation Care Center) pending availability of funds. 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 lactation problems and implementing scientific research-based interventions and making appropriate referrals. 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* (POLM) no more than 5 years prior to the date of the CLP rotation and *Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving* (LCPS) training no more than 3 years prior to the date of the CLP rotation. Both POLM and LCPS trainings must be successfully completed **prior to applying** for a CLP scholarship. For more information, visit policy *BF: 04.0* at: [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/policy/pdf\\_files/BF\\_04-0.pdf](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/policy/pdf_files/BF_04-0.pdf).

The scholarship recipients will be selected based on: the individual's qualifications, local agency needs, geographical proximity to lactation support, etc. Scholarships will be awarded to the individual. WIC staff who have previously completed the CLP at any training center are eligible to apply for another practicum scholarship after 5 years of their previous CLP rotation date. We encourage WIC staff working directly with breastfeeding moms to apply for these scholarships, especially staff interested in sitting for the IBLCE exam. All applicants will receive notification via letter to the WIC Director of the scholarship award or wait list status.

To apply for a scholarship, all 3 pages of the attached application must be completed and faxed to Cristina García at **(512) 341-4473** no later than **COB, Friday, July 15, 2011**.

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](mailto:cristina.garcia@dshs.state.tx.us). If you have questions regarding site-specific information, please contact each training center directly at:

- Maryann Todd-Thompson, Director of Mom's Place, at (512) 719-3010 or visit <http://www.momsplace.org>
- Alisa Sanders, Manager of the Lactation Foundation, at (713) 839-0527 or visit [www.lactationfoundation.org](http://www.lactationfoundation.org)
- Christine Wiseman, Manager of the Lactation Care Center, at (214) 670-7222 or visit [www.lactationcarecenterdallas.com](http://www.lactationcarecenterdallas.com)

Attachments

# FY 2012 Scholarship Application: Clinical Lactation Practicum

**Please complete the following application to be considered for a Clinical Lactation Practicum (CLP) scholarship. Incomplete applications, including pending trainings, will not be considered.**

Name/Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Agency # \_\_\_\_\_

Work Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Principles of Lactation Management</b>	<b>Dates Completed:</b> <b>Location:</b> (NOTE: POLM must be completed no more than 5 years prior to the date of CLP rotation)
<b>Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving</b>	<b>Dates Completed:</b> <b>Location:</b> (NOTE: LCPS must be completed no more than 3 years prior to the date of CLP rotation)
<b>Have you previously attended a CLP rotation?</b>	<b>Dates completed:</b> <b>Location:</b>
<b>How many other staff at your Local Agency has completed the following?</b>	Principles of Lactation Management : Lactation Counseling and Problem Solving : Clinical Lactation Practicum (CLP) :
<b>How many hours per week do you work directly (one-to-one) with breastfeeding moms?</b>	

## FY 2012 Scholarship Application: Clinical Lactation Practicum

You can apply for a scholarship at one, two or all three locations. If awarded a FY12 scholarship, you will only be awarded one practicum at one location. For each of the training centers you are applying, 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 marked – preferred dates will be accommodated as best as possible.

**Are you applying for CLP @ AUSTIN? Circle your response YES NO**

If yes, please select the dates which you are available as directed above.

	October 19 – 21, 2011		March 7 – 9, 2012
	November 16 – 18, 2011		March 21 – 23, 2012
	January 18 – 20, 2012		August 15 – 17, 2012
	February 15 – 17, 2012		September 19 – 21, 2012

1 = 1<sup>st</sup> choice 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> choice 3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> choice 4 = 4<sup>th</sup> choice

**Are you applying for CLP @ HOUSTON? Circle your response YES NO**

If yes, please select the dates which you are available as directed above.

	October 4 – 6, 2011		February 7 – 9, 2012		April 17 – 19, 2012
	October 18 – 20, 2011		February 21 – 23, 2012		May 8 – 10, 2012
	November 15 – 17, 2011		March 6 – 8, 2012		June 5 – 7, 2012
	January 10 – 12, 2012		March 20 – 22, 2012		August 14 – 16, 2012
	January 24 – 26, 2012		April 10 – 12, 2012		September 11 – 13, 2012

1 = 1<sup>st</sup> choice 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> choice 3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> choice 4 = 4<sup>th</sup> choice

**Are you applying for CLP @ DALLAS? Circle your response YES NO**

If yes, please select the dates which you are available as directed above.

	September 27 – 29, 2011		March 27 – 29, 2012		July 10 – 12, 2012
	October 11 – 13, 2011		April 10 – 12, 2012		July 17 – 19, 2012
	November 8 – 10, 2011		May 1 – 3, 2012		
	December 6 – 8, 2011		June 5 – 7, 2012		
	January 10 – 12, 2012		June 19 – 21, 2012		

1 = 1<sup>st</sup> choice 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> choice 3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> choice 4 = 4<sup>th</sup> choice

## FY 2012 Scholarship Application: Clinical Lactation Practicum

<b>How will your completion of the Clinical Lactation Practicum benefit your local agency?</b>	
<b>What other information would you like considered with your application? For example – Do you train employees that work directly with breastfeeding moms? Are there any local training opportunities similar to CLP available for you to attend? etc.</b>	

Applicants must coordinate with their WIC Directors/Breastfeeding Coordinators/Supervisors to ensure clinic coverage while attending the CLP. All 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.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

WIC Director: \_\_\_\_\_

WIC Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER: Fax all 3 pages of your completed application to  
Cristina García at (512) 341-4473  
No later than COB Friday, July 15, 2011**