



Color-Filled Breastfeeding Clinical Lactation Training Program

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Overview

A new initiative, the "Color-Filled Breastfeeding: Clinical Lactation Training Program" was recently developed by the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition in an effort to increase the number of highly-skilled lactation consultants available to serve Kansas families. The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition is proud to partner with local healthcare facilities as well as community partners to train the future of lactation in Kansas! Color-Filled Breastfeeding will be open to all Kansans, but will focus on providing scholarships to Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) lactation consultants in Kansas, who are greatly underrepresented in skilled lactation professions. ***By providing clinical placement opportunities to qualified lactation students, your facility can make an important contribution to health equity for families in your community who will benefit from having access to culturally congruent lactation care now and into the future.***

During clinical internships, students are directly supervised by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) in your facility. ***You provide the mentorship and we provide the rest!*** The Color-Filled Breastfeeding Clinical Lactation Training Program is delighted to provide your facility with all the tools needed to help students and mentors succeed including: guidelines for clinical assessment of students, documentation for bidirectional evaluation between preceptor and student, formal documentation for students to track hours and other materials to help support the learning experience. Preceptors also qualify for continuing education credit through the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners for supervision hours.

Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of students does the Color-Filled Breastfeeding Clinical Lactation Training Program serve?

All students accepted into the program have completed 95 hours of lactation education approved by the Lactation Education Accreditation and Approval Review Committee (LEAARC) in addition to 14 college-level health science requirements. Prior to entering the program, students are vetted with a complete criminal background check, and will possess general and professional liability insurance coverage. Students will also receive support from the Color-Filled Breastfeeding Program Coordinator and will be part of a learning community with fellow students. The students will come to your facility/site with a detailed outline of their personalized clinical internship plan and will be prepared to learn.

How many hours per week are students expected to be at my facility? We encourage clinical sites to provide a minimum of 12 hours of clinical internship per week for each student assigned. There is no limit to how many students each clinical site can accept, though we find that two (2) is a very manageable number for most sites.

Do students need to complete ALL 500-1000 hours of clinical internship at my facility?

No, though they certainly can. In order to gain a well-rounded experience, we encourage students to spend time learning in out-patient, in-patient, public health and in-home settings, however it will vary student to student.

As a preceptor, what are my obligations or the obligations of my staff assigned to precepting?

As an IBCLC preceptor/mentor, your role will include the direct supervision of a IBCLC candidate as they practice their counseling and hands on lactation skills with groups and dyads at your facility/practice. You will be partnering with the Color Filled Breastfeeding: Clinical Lactation Training Program to ensure thorough knowledge and demonstration of clinical competencies as set forth through IBLCE. We will provide a framework for standards and documentation, helping you to assure students are meeting (and exceeding!) standards. Although each student will have their own individual needs, most students will closely follow the clinical internship phases as set forth by IBLCE.

How can I find out more?

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