

Credentials - Breastfeeding/Lactation Educator/Counselor

Credential Name	Organization	Hours of Education	Available Online	LEAARC Approved*
Breastfeeding Counselor (BFC)	Childbirth International	204	Yes	No
Breastfeeding Educator Certification (BEC)	Birth Arts International	200+	Yes	No
Certified Breastfeeding Specialist (CBS)	Lactation Education Resources	54.5	Yes	Yes
Military Lactation Counselor (MiLC)	Mom2Mom Global	53	Hybrid	No
Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC)	Healthy Children Project	52	Yes	Yes
Certified Breastfeeding Educator (CBE)	Lactation Literacy	48	Yes	No
Certified Lactation Specialist (CLS)	Lactation Education Consultants	46	Yes	Yes
Breastfeeding Educator	Global Lactation Education Associates	45	Yes	Yes
Certified Blactation Educator (BE)	The B.L.A.C.K Course	45	Yes	No
Certified Lactation Educator Specialist (CLES)	Breastfeed LA	45	Yes	Yes
Indigenous Lactation Counselor (ILC)	Indigenous Lactation Counselor	45	No	No
Lactation Education Counselor (LEC)	UC San Diego Extension	45	Yes	No
Lactation Educator (LE)	Bastyr University	45	No	No
Certified Breastfeeding Counselor (CBC)	International Breastfeeding Institute	40	Yes	No
Certified Lactation Educator (CLE)	Childbirth & Postpartum Professional Association	20	Yes	No
Outpatient Breastfeeding Champion	IABLE	16	Yes	No
Breastfeeding Counselor Certification	Prepared Childbirth Educators	16	Yes	No
Breastfeeding Counselor (BC)	Georgia Northwestern Technical College	12 college credits		No

* as of August 2020