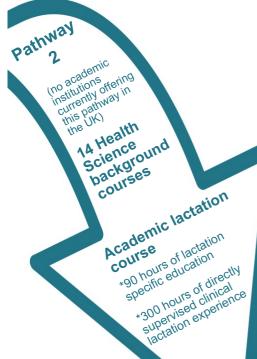
Planning your route to the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) Exam Eligibility in the UK



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Pathway

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- * Most commonly followed route in UK.
- * Particularly suitable for paid or volunteer breastfeeding counsellors.

14 Health Science background courses

* No time limit. Relevant A levels, NVQ level 3, degree courses etc. acceptable & may count as more than one of the 14 courses.

90 Hours lactation specific education

(within the 5 years immediately prior to exam application)

1000 supervised clinical lactation hours

Can include any work with breastfeeding families in the 5 years prior to applying for the exam.

- *500 hours per year of face to face
- *250 hours per year if work is telephone based

Lactation Consultants of Great Britain (LCGB) has an equality and diversity team and is committed to working towards ensuring there is equitable access to the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) profession in the UK.

LCGB wishes to support aspiring IBCLCs. Do let us know when you have passed the exam so that you can upgrade from Associate to Full membership.



Sources of information:

IBLCE website: www.iblce.org follow the 'Certify' link

Specific enquiries re eligiblity to Yvonne Insh: uk@iblce-europe.org or Ilse Bichler: office@iblceeurope.org Apply to IBLCE to sit exam.

Exams held twice a year.

4 hour (2 x 2 hours)
multiple-choice paper.

Facebook group for non health professional, aspiring IBCLCs: LC Exam Health Background Courses

To check eligibility of health science courses see; www.iblce.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/HealthSciencesEducationGuide2015.pdf

LCGB is keen to encourage aspiring IBCLCs and develop the profile of the profession in the UK, and therefore we wish to provide support for you, so do join us as an Associate Member and enjoy the benefits and educational opportunities on offer, including reduced rates for our annual conference and other study days.

Do you want to be an IBCLC?

Where are you starting from?

Non Health Professional



14 Health Science background courses

- Biology
- Human anatomy
- Human physiology
- Infant & child growth and development
- Introduction to clinical research
- Nutrition
- Psychology/counselling skills/communication
- Sociology/cultural sensitivity/cultural anthropology
 Basic Life Support
- Medical Documentation
- Medical Terminology
 Occupational Safety and Security for HPs
- Professional Ethics for HPs
- Universal Safety Precautions and Infection Control



Registered Health Professional



90 hours breastfeeding specific education

(to be completed within 5 years prior to applying for exam)



1000 supervised clinical lactation

(to be completed within 5 years prior to applying for exam)

Full membership of LCGB is open to qualified International Board Certified Lactation Consultants. Associate membership is open to any others (including IBCLC candidates) interested in the care of the breastfeeding mother and her baby.

Important!

IBLCE (International Board of **Lactation Consultant Examiners**) is the examining and accrediting body.

This is who you need to apply to to sit the exam.

www.iblce.org



Did you know?

All LCGB members (Full and Associate) benefit from:

- * LCGB conference & study days at discounted rates
- * An opportunity to gain CERPs or education hours
- * Opportunities to apply for bursaries to attend the LCGB conference and sponsored study day places

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