



“When my baby was gaining weight too slowly, the doctor suggested I see a Board Certified Lactation Consultant. She helped me increase my milk supply and worked with my son and me to get him back on the right track.”

—New Mother

“My baby has Down Syndrome and was having a lot of trouble with breastfeeding. The International Board Certified Lactation Consultant showed us ways to help her feed more effectively at the breast so that I didn’t have to use formula, too.”

—New Mother

“I didn’t breastfeed my baby at first, but when we found out he was allergic to formula, I decided to try to breastfeed. The IBCLC helped me make a plan to bring back my milk. In the process, we also discovered he is allergic to eggs and tomatoes. Without her help, my baby would have been unhappy and unwell for a long time.”

—New Mother

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## What Is the IBLCE?

The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners was founded in 1985 to develop and administer a voluntary certification program for lactation consultants. Today, more than 13,000 International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs) help mothers and babies all over the world.

Passing the rigorous exam and obtaining the credential certifies the attainment of the “gold standard” of competence set by experts in the lactation field. Certification is designed to protect the interests of babies and mothers. IBCLCs use a problem-solving approach to provide appropriate information, referrals, and recommendations, and have the ideal qualifications to assist breastfeeding mothers, their communities, hospitals, and other health care facilities.

The certifying examination is offered annually. In 2003, it was administered in 10 languages at 144 locations across 37 countries and territories representing six continents. Examinations in Dutch, English, French, German, Icelandic, Italian, Swedish, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish are currently offered.

## The IBLCE:

- Initiated the development of a skilled, allied health care profession
- Sets standards that protect babies and mothers
- Independently evaluates professional competency
- Raises standards of care in lactation management
- Protects, promotes and supports breastfeeding worldwide

# MILCC

Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification

# Making a difference...

International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs) make a significant difference in the lives of new mothers and infants, but some need your financial assistance to make their certification a reality.

You can help aspiring professionals gain the knowledge and certification they need to succeed by contributing to Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification (MILCC). MILCC is an international, nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to qualified candidates for examination by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE). Funding is provided to those candidates who demonstrate financial need and/or work with populations that otherwise may not have access to their specialized skills. Recipients are truly international. In recent years they have represented such diverse countries as Guatemala, Sudan, the Philippines, and Hungary, as well as the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Most certificants affiliate with hospitals, clinics or medical practices. Others provide assistance to low-income mothers through government and international aid programs. Some certificants establish their own practices. Some work in remote communities where they are the only source of lactation support. Your generous support will enable them to achieve the credential that makes a difference to so many lives through better breastfeeding outcomes.

“A MILCC scholarship made it possible for me to become an IBCLC. I now work at a clinic in a rural, agricultural area with immigrant mothers.”

—MILCC scholarship recipient

“I was unsuccessful at breastfeeding my first child, and really wanted it to go better the second time. The IBCLC at the hospital helped me succeed by teaching me the correct techniques and giving me lots of encouragement.”

—New Mother

While breastfeeding is natural, it doesn't always come easily. An International Board Certified Lactation Consultant helps with skilled and caring assistance and expertise. Everybody wins, because breastfeeding offers physical, emotional and financial advantages to the baby, family, and community.

## Who benefits?

- Low-income practitioners
- New mothers and infants
- Families
- Hospitals seeking to improve infant care
- Communities worldwide

## Yes! I want to help make a difference.

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