



October 2020

Online lactation consultant training. Now offering CERP, CME, CE credit and more.

Get your questions answered about the new five hour Communications Skills Course.

We asked our support team to share with us the questions they get asked most - and their expert answers - about the new five hour Communications Skills Course. Tap their expertise, and ask any other questions you may have, here on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Important IBLCE dates

The 2021 exam dates have been announced by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE):

Apply for the March 2021 examination: Nov. 2 – Dec. 11, 2020

March 2021 IBCLC examination dates: Mar. 22 – 31, 2021

Apply for the September 2021 examination: Apr. 19 – May 28, 2021

September 2021 IBCLC examination dates: Sept. 15 – 24, 2021

Apply to recertify by CERPs: Apr. 19 – Sept. 30, 2021

Learn more about [new eligibility criteria here](#).

Were you a September exam candidate, but need to defer for COVID-related reasons? The deadline to request a deferment is October 30, 2020. Learn more [here](#).

Resources for Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 - October 15th. Find lactation-specific resources for honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, including a Latinx/a/e Lactation Resources tip sheet from Andrea Blanco, IBCLC and a recording of her chat with Nikki & Nikki. (All resources are embedded in the [free chat recording here](#).)

Wondering if the Certified Breastfeeding Specialist is right for you or your team?

Do you have questions about the Certified Breastfeeding Specialist certificate? Are you seeking a lactation certificate program for your WIC office or nursing team? Considering becoming a CBS yourself? Get your questions answered in [this brief presentation](#) first delivered to the National WIC Association by LER's Program Director Angela Love-Zaranka, BA, IBCLC, RLC.

Thank You Jones and Bartlett for Supporting Rising Tide + Discount

Please join us in thanking Jones and Bartlett Learning for their commitment to provide textbooks free of charge to the [LER Rising Tide](#) Scholarship recipients. Rising Tide was designed by LER to increase the number of Black IBCLCs in the United States.

In addition, all LER students can take advantage of the benefits of the LER and Jones and Bartlett Learning partnership, including 40% off available lactation texts. Learn more in [our bookstore here](#).

Free Spanish Language Fact Sheets

Find free handouts for parents on topics like perceived milk insufficiency, signs of effective feedings, and flat or inverted nipples, all in Spanish here on the [LER website](#).

Advocating for Universal Access to Skilled Breastfeeding Counseling

No matter how committed an individual family is to breastfeeding or chestfeeding, if they do not have adequate support when they need it, they are unlikely to reach their goals. A new policy brief from the Global Breastfeeding Collective advocates for universal access to skilled breastfeeding counseling for all families. Learn more and help amplify the brief here on [Facebook](#).

Free Q&A's with Nikki & Nikki in October

Hosted by Nekisha Killings, MPH, IBCLC and Nikki Greenaway, BA, MS, FNP-C, IBCLC and presented by LER. Free pre-registration is required.

Decolonizing Breastfeeding with Special Guest Kimberly Seals Allers

Wednesday, October 7th, 10:30 pacific, 1:30 eastern.

[Register here](#).

Words Matter: Providing Breast/Chest/Bodyfeeding Support to LGBTQIA2S+ Families with special guest Savannah Shange

Wednesday, October 21st, 10:30 pacific, 1:30 eastern.

[Register here](#).



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