



**Association of Child Life Professionals
Child Life Certification Commission
Operational Policy**

SUBJECT: 1.0 USE OF THE CCLS CREDENTIAL

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POLICY

Each candidate must satisfy all the educational and experiential requirements established by the CLCC, and must demonstrate an acceptable level of knowledge of child life theory and practice by successfully completing the Child Life Professional Certification Examination.

Candidates who pass the Child Life Professional Certification Examination will be considered certified as of the exam date. Certification will expire at the end of the calendar year in which the five-year certification anniversary falls.

While certified, child life specialists are permitted to use the initials CCLS after their names. CCLS is not punctuated with periods. The title Certified Child Life Specialist is always printed in initial capital letters. Certified individuals are permitted to refer to themselves as a "Certified Child Life Specialist."

Misrepresentation of Certification

Individuals using the CCLS credential or the title "Certified Child Life Specialist" without being duly certified by CLCC will be advised in writing of the seriousness of this offense and the legal ramifications of professional misrepresentation.

Professional misrepresentation (using the credential without being duly certified) is a serious offense with accompanying legal ramifications. Abuse of the credential will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and individuals found to misuse the credential will not be permitted to apply for child life certification for a minimum of 3 years.

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USE OF THE CCLS CREDENTIAL/POLICIES MANUAL

Revocation of Certification

Child life certification may be revoked for any reason the CLCC deems appropriate, including but not limited to the following:

- Violation of the Child Life Code of Ethics
- Conviction of a felony or other crime of moral turpitude relating to the provision of child life services
- Cheating on the certification examination
- Failure to maintain the confidentiality of the certification examination
- Falsification of any documents submitted to CLCC
- Falsification of any information requested by CLCC
- Failure to pay fees

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Use of Certificate, Marks, and Logo, CLCC Policies Manual