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First of all, I hope that you and all your families and loved ones are well. In these ACLP/CLCC Statements in Response to times of uncertainty we can all hope at the very least for the comfort of those we COVID-19 Pandemic love. In addition to your standard, thoughtful care for patients and families, your Updated PDU Resource Available professional presence can serve to alleviate additional myriad stresses that mangertification Highlights families are experiencing. Please take care of yourselves first so that you can continue to serve others well too. **Certification Numbers** 

In this issue, our CLCC communications team has explored some ideas to help navigate available avenues to recertification. The Communications Committee has created a new list of accessible opportunities to help you continue to accrue the PDUs you are looking for. Though some unknowns will always be present, I hope their suggestions can be reassuring. Many of you count on the high quality PDUs earned at the annual conference. Perhaps this forced detour will give us pause to explore how we accumulate useful PDUs in additional ways.

Over a five year recertification cycle, spreading educational experiences and gaining PDUs throughout each year is probably wisest. Education can result in both subtle and significant improvements and updates to your practice throughout the recertification period. Reliance on a final conference push alone, at the 4.5 year mark, is taking a risk at the best of times. And sadly, we don't find ourselves in the best of times.

That said, we all have our preferred ways of learning, and maybe yours can be met with more hands-on activities, rather than conference programming. I hope this issue includes enlightening and practical suggestions that can work for you. Recertification exists to assure the public that CCLSs are engaged in continuing education that keeps us abreast of new and best practices that we can convert into improvements in our own work. For some of us, academia is a distant memory, but learning about current research and innovations in practice serves to keep us involved in the moment.

Wishing all of you, your dear ones and families good health,

Bindy Sweett, CCLS

Child Life Certification Commission Chairperson

# Total Current CCLSs: 6170

	Residing in:	AK - 8	MS - 22
e	US- 5704	AL - 76	MT - 5
	Australia - 5	AR - 36	NC -217
y	Canada - 346	AZ - 123	ND - 12
	China - 2	CA -551	NE - 39
	Georgia - 1	CO - 103	NH - 30
	Hong Kong - 9	CT - 70	NJ-181
	India - 2	DC - 21	NM -18
	Italy - 1	DE - 19	NV - 22
	Japan - 55	FL - 278	NY-318
,	Kenya - 2	GA-176	OH-297
C	d Kuwait - 1	HI - 12	OK - 40
	Luxembourg -1	IA - 84	OR - 37
	Mexico - 2	ID - 13	PA -204
ļ	New Zealand - 3	IL - 227	RI - 19
	Norway - 1	IN - 95	SC - 87
g	Philippines - 3	KS - 45	SD - 13
	Puerto Rico - 2	KY - 56	TN-159
	Qatar - 9	LA - 61	TX-557
5	Romania - 2	MA -255	UT - 86
-	Singapore - 4	MD -112	VA -101
	South Africa - 1	ME - 14	VT - 21
	Spain - 1	MI - 183	WA -111
	Switzerland - 3	MN - 161	WI -119
	Taiwan - 5	MO - 177	WV - 8
	United Kingdom - 7		
	Other - 7		





## **Important Dates to Remember**

#### August

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10 - Registration deadline for August testing window

15-30 - Testing window

A new ACLP member benefit:

The Journal of Child Life: Psychosocial Theory and Practice This premiere issue is free for non-members. Jõurnal Child Life

# **Updated PDU Resource Available**

The Child Life Certification Commission Communications Committee is dedicated to providing information regarding all matters of certification. One area that is a challenge often expressed by ACLP members is obtaining PDUs. The difficulty in obtaining PDUs can be related to costs associated with continuing education sessions, lack of access to available opportunities, or ability to find topics related to domain-specific requirements. The good news is there are opportunities for PDUs in unexpected places, with optionsthat are free and/or available online. The Communications Committee would like to take this time to introduce or remind the membership of additional methods for obtaining PDUs. The following is a list of PDU opportunities that in no way is all-inclusive but offers a wide scope of offerings that will provide PDU's. Some have a cost attached to them and many are free.

You can find this resource here.

If you have additional PDU opportunities that you would like to share with our community or questions/comments, please email them to <u>cert\_comms@lists.childlife.org</u>. Back to Top

For the Child Life Community



By the Child Life Community

## **CLCC Statements in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

In response to inquiries and feedback resulting from the public health emergency, ACLP and CLCC have issued the following statements.

## ACLP Statement in Support of CLCC Decision on Clinical Hours

### **CLCC Statement for Interns**

### **CLCC Statement for Academics**

### **Guidance for Remote Internship Activities**

### Certification Highlights

#### **Certification Exam Administration**

The Child Life Professional Certification Examination was administered in March with the following results:

# Candidates	# New CCLSs	% Passing
31	27	87.1%

An additional 114 registered candidates were unable to test during the March 15-30 testing window due to testing center closures due to the COVID-19 virus. CLCC has extended the testing window, but the timing of the reopening of testing centers remain unknown at this time. Back to Top

#### **Certification Maintenance**

ACLP is waiving the reinstatement fees for those who have yet to pay their certification annual maintenance fees. However, certification status changed to inactive for 179 individuals due to non-payment of the 2020 certification maintenance fee. Existing annual maintenance fees are due by 12/31/2020 to avoid loss of the CCLS credential.

Reinstatement applications will be accepted through December 31, 2020.

Roughly 96% of CCLSs who owed this fee have made their payment.

#### Thank you for maintaining your certification! Back to Top

#### Recertification

Number of CCLSs due to recertify in 2020: 1073

CLCC is now accepting applications to recertify through Professional Development Units from those CCLSs whose certification will expire on December 31, 2020. **These applications are due no later than October 31, 2020** 

#### For a revised list of ideas for how to earn PDUs, please click here.

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#### Thank you CLCC Communications Committee!

CLCC would like to recognize the team of volunteers who serve on the CLCC Communications Committee and make this newsletter possible! Thank you!

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