



Hello from the Child Life Certification Commission (CLCC)!

Welcome to another update with the CCLS Connection,

For those of you who are already certified, and plan to continue with recertification, the future is probably feeling pretty comfortable. But still, maybe not entirely clear! And if you are newer to ACLP, and in the middle of the education, training and certification process, there are long awaited changes to requirements only just around the corner. You need to be aware of how you fit into these new eligibility requirements. But understanding the future of certification might be less confusing for those of you are entirely new to the wonderful world of child life, just embarking upon your journey. We hope that with the information herein, all of you will feel better informed and know where your certification resources can be found.

Please explore all the resources we have available, and don't forget that if you have a faculty advisor, you have someone dedicated to walking you through. We look forward to our new generation of child life specialists. You are the first of a new cohort who will have been educated specifically to perform this work and to meet the higher standards that are effective January 1, 2019.

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Certification Numbers

Total Current CCLSs: 6151

Residing in:	AK - 10	MS - 22
US- 5681	AL - 81	MT - 3
Australia - 5	AR - 30	NC -219
Canada - 351	AZ - 122	ND - 13
	CA -540	NE - 44
Georgia - 1	CO - 92	NH - 31
	CT - 68	NJ-187
Hong Kong - 10	DC - 13	NM -12
India - 1	DE - 18	NV - 18
	FL - 265	NY-327
Japan - 53	GA-187	OH-305
Kenya - 2	HI - 11	OK - 35
Kuwait - 2	IA - 83	OR - 36
Mexico - 2	ID - 15	PA 382
New Zealand - 4	IL - 230	RI - 21
Norway - 1	IN - 93	SC - 80
Puerto Rico - 1	KS - 48	SD - 14
Philippines - 3	KY - 53	TN-159
Qatar - 8	LA - 59	TX-545
Romania - 1	MA -259	UT - 80
	MD -110	VA -90
Singapore - 4	ME - 13	VT - 17

Wishing the very best to all in the coming year,

Bindy Sweett

Chairperson

Child Life Certification Commission

South Africa - 1	MI - 181	WA -92
Spain - 1	MN - 156	WI -113
Switzerland - 2	MO - 169	WV - 9
Taiwan - 5		
United Kingdom - 4		

Important Dates to Remember

December

31 – Deadline for reinstatement of lapsed certification

January

31 – Annual Certification Maintenance fees due

March

10 – Registration deadline for March testing window

15-30 – March exam administration

Resources for Establishing Eligibility for the Certification Exam

As many are aware, the 2019 eligibility requirements will be implemented in January. These requirements are intended to increase foundational knowledge for child life students, resulting in better-prepared, entry-level professionals. Individuals seeking the CCLS credential as a critical step to a career in the child life profession should use these requirements as a guide for their education and internship decisions.

ACLP has developed documents and webinars that applicants can use as resources to navigate the process of establishing eligibility for the certification exam. You will find below definitions of terms that may be unfamiliar as well as helpful information about some of the resources available to you. In addition, professors, academic advisors, fellow students, the ACLP Student Forum, ACLP staff, and internship supervisor/ rotation supervisors may also be leveraged to facilitate the process.

There are over 6,000 Certified Child Life Specialists, all of whom have gone through the process to become certified. You can do it, too!

Definition of Terms

Eligibility Assessment: Evaluates progress toward meeting certification requirements by incorporating: course work/degree review, clinical experience verification, and exam

application. All exam candidates must successfully complete the Eligibility Assessment prior to being seated for the Child Life Professional Certification Examination.

Undergraduate/Graduate Endorsement: A voluntary review process for undergraduate and graduate academic programs. This review is done at the institution level; not all colleges/universities have endorsed programs. Students who complete an endorsed academic program are assured that the coursework they have taken will meet certification eligibility requirements.

Course pre-approval: Academic institutions may undergo a voluntary review of their courses for pre-approval in relation to the eligibility requirements. The pre-approval process evaluates course descriptions, syllabi and other materials to determine if a specific course fulfills one or more of the 2019 course requirements. If a course is pre-approved, students are assured that it will meet a specific requirement.

Links to ACLP Resources:

Webinar: *Mastering Your Coursework*

(<https://www.childlife.org/certification/students/requirements-after-2019>)

A guide to meeting the 2019 Coursework Requirement: Working on meeting the 2019 certification requirements, but not sure what courses to take? In this informative webinar Director of Certification, Ame Enright and Manager of Program Standards, Emily Eagon will share more about each of the individual 2019 coursework requirements including tips for identifying the courses you need to take.

Webinar: *Completing Your Eligibility Assessment: Eligibility Assessment 101*

(<https://www.childlife.org/certification/students>)

A guide to Completing your Eligibility Assessment: In this webinar, Manager of Program Standards, Emily Eagon and Certification Coordinator, Alex Rodriguez outline the following:

- How to login to the student profile
- How to open and complete the eligibility assessment, including adding new courses, verifying the child life course, and verifying clinical hours
- How to locate and use the evaluation report

2019 Academic Eligibility Requirements- <https://www.childlife.org/docs/default-source/certification/2019-eligibility-details.pdf?sfvrsn=12>

Academic Program Directory: A self-reported list of academic programs that offer child life curriculum. <https://www.childlife.org/certification/students/child-life-academic-programs>

Child Life Course Directory: A self-reported list of academic institutions that offer the child life course <https://www.childlife.org/certification/students/academic-programs-offering-ccls-course>

Endorsed Program Directory: ACLP-endorsed academic programs
<https://www.childlife.org/certification/students/endorsed-program-directory>

Programs offering pre-approved courses: <https://www.childlife.org/certification/students/pre-approved-courses>
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Accessing Focus Articles to Obtain PDUs

The PDUs you earn by completing a Focus article quiz are considered Independent Learning. There is a 10 PDU maximum limit for this category in your 5-year certification cycle. A new guide was created to help CCLSs navigate the process. You will find it [here](#).

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Certification Update

Exam Administration

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

	# Candidates	# New CCLSs	% Passing
November 2018	141	122	86.52%

Certification Maintenance

There are still 89 individuals who have not paid the 2018 Certification Maintenance fee who will lose their certification as of December 31st unless they reinstate. Reinstatement applications will be accepted through December 31, 2018. Contact certification@childlife.org for additional information.

Roughly 98% of CCLSs who owed this fee have made their payment. Thank you for maintaining your certification!

Recertification

Number of CCLSs due to recertify in 2018: 1071

Number of applications received: 922

The retention rate for 2018 is over 85%. Thank you so much to all of you who recertified in 2018.

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Certification Program Highlights

Job Analysis Update

The 2018 Job Analysis is now complete. There is a new [Exam Content Outline \(blueprint\)](#) that will be the basis for all exams beginning in March 2019 and beyond. It was determined that the eligibility requirements that go into effect on January 1, 2019 are appropriate for this new blueprint. There are no planned changes to the eligibility requirements in the

foreseeable future. CLCC will continue to monitor exam data to determine if knowledge gaps exist that could be addressed through modifications to the eligibility requirements.

The JA also revealed the existence of an additional, advance level of practice different from the entry-level that the current certification exam assesses. In 2019, CLCC will explore the possibility of developing a recognition program for advanced level practitioners. More information will follow.

To hear the latest podcast related to the JA, please click [here](#).

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