

Hello from the Child Life Certifying Committee (CLCC)!

Over the past year there have been so many amazing things happening at ACLP. CLCC has been a little quiet while so many big announcements were being made. While this edition of the CCLS Connection is coming to you after a bit of a delay, it is filled with exciting news.

CLCC is working hard in preparation for becoming the Certification Commission (CC). Becoming a certification board will allow for autonomy and impartiality in all decisions regarding certification eligibility and recertification. In all other ways, certification will remain under the direction and support of the ACLP Board. This is best practice amongst certification credentialing bodies and the goal is for this change to take place in 2018.

CLCC is working to revise all certification policies and documents to prepare for this change. This process has taken CLCC members for an interesting and invigorating ride. We have restructured the committees, added chairs-elect to each committee and added the Certification Communications Committee (which you'll learn more about as you read on).

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the sections on the committees involved in exam development. The Chairs and Chairs-elect of these committees have been working hard throughout the summer to kick off a new enhanced training to aid new writers in ways to write differentiating exam questions and improve the already rigorous process that goes into building the Child Life Certification Exam.

Please see below for an update on other CLCC activities. We hope you enjoy the CCLS Connection! Please send your feedback to certification@childlife.org.

CLCC has much yet to do to meet our goals and looks forward to sharing more with you in the Spring. I'm wishing you all a day full of play!

Until next time,

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Certification Numbers

Total Current CCLSs: 5565

Residing in:
US- 5136

Australia - 4
Canada - 315
China - 1
Georgia - 1
Guatemala - 1
Hong Kong - 6
India - 1
Italy - 1
Japan - 44
Kenya - 2
Kuwait - 1
Mexico - 2
New Zealand - 4
Norway - 1
Puerto Rico - 1
Philippines - 2
Qatar - 5
Romania - 1
Saudi Arabia - 1
Singapore - 3

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South Africa - 1
Spain - 1
Switzerland - 2
Taiwan - 4
United Arab Emirates - 1
United Kingdom - 6

Important Dates to Remember

October

27 - Registration deadline for the November testing window
31 - Deadline for application to recertify through PDUs

November

1-15 - CBT exam administration

December

20 - Maintenance fee invoices sent
31 - Deadline to apply for reinstatement of inactive certification

January

31 - Certification Maintenance Fees due

Read All About It: Introducing the Certification Communications Committee

During the 2016-2017 year, the CLCC recognized and advocated for the need for a group whose sole purpose was to communicate about certification and recertification matters. With the board's approval, the Certification Communications Committee of the Child Life Certifying Committee was formed.

The purpose of the committee is to communicate key information about certification matters, as well as monitor certification-related topics on the ACLP Forum. The Certification Communications Committee hopes to help those seeking certification through the exam and those maintaining certification through recertification navigate the processes with excitement and understanding. To fulfill the purpose, the Certification Communications Committee will create and publish this newsletter, educate the membership about certification and recertification topics using blogs and announcements, and answer questions or concerns about certification posted on the Forum.

With the support of Nancy Ramhap (CLCC Chair), Bindy Sweett (CLCC Chair Elect), and Ame Enright (Director of Certification), the committee is made up of four members: Sherwood Burns-Nader (Chair), Geri Sehnert (Chair Elect), Beth Daniel, and Amber Hill. The new committee started its work in early May, and this CCLS Connection is the first product of the committee.

Topics, such as explaining the development of the certification exam, the process of recertification, and navigating the new recertification requirements will be presented in the months ahead. The committee welcomes ideas and concerns for possible topics of discussion; suggestions can be emailed to cert_comms@lists.childlife.org.

Certification Exam Update

March Administration

The Child Life Professional Certification Examination was administered from March 15-30 with the following results:

# Candidates	# New CCLSs	% Passing
193	174	90.16%

Exam Development

Each year the item development team writes and reviews new exam questions. Our Item Writing and Review Committees started this project for 2017 with online training conducted by our test development agency as well as new, enhanced, child life-specific training. The latter was developed and conducted by seasoned item writers and reviewers who volunteer on the Certifying Committee. Also implemented this year is a coaching program in which experienced item writers are paired with newer writers and provide guidance on writing good items.

The item writing team has been assigned to write questions pertaining to specific content areas. These assignments are based on a needs assessment conducted by our testing partner. Attempts are made to assign content areas to writers with specific areas of expertise.

When assignments are complete, the item reviewers will begin their task of appraising the new items for content as well as adherence to industry standards for item writing. Each question is reviewed by at least three committee members before being added to the Item Bank for possible inclusion on the certification exam.

The team aims to write over 100 new questions every year. The committee is very excited about the new initiatives and anticipates positive outcomes from our volunteers' efforts.

Certification Program Highlights

Certification Maintenance

In April, certification status changed to inactive for 161 individuals due to non-payment of the 2017 certification maintenance fee, and notices of this change in status along with instructions for reinstatement were sent. Reinstatement applications will be accepted through December 31, 2017.

Recertification

Number of CCLSs due to recertify in 2017: 923

Deadline to recertify through PDUs is October 31st.

Registration deadline for the November exam is October 27th.

PDU Audit

To uphold and enforce the standards that have been set for child life professional development, a random audit of submitted applications is conducted annually. It is essential to maintain a complete file of documentation of PDUs in the event your application is selected for the audit process. The auditors review documentation submitted verifying the successful completion of each PDU session and confirm the appropriateness of the sessions' content in relation to the Exam Content Outline.

Audit of PDUs does NOT mean that there is doubt about the honesty or accuracy of a claim. It is merely one part of the process to ensure its integrity.

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