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| 2021(B) Critical Access Hospital  **Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC)**  **Scholarship Application** |  |

**Overview**

To increase breastfeeding support for rural Montana communities, the MT Nutrition & Physical Activity Program, in partnership with the Montana Hospital Association, is providing scholarships of $825 for CAH staff to complete the **online** [Certified Lactation Counselor Training](https://centerforbreastfeeding.org/register_lctc/) (CLC) by November 1st,, 2021. This 40-hour online course includes practical skills, theoretical foundations and competency verification. Application Deadline August 22, 2021

**Applicant Information**

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| Name: |  | Street Address:  (City & Postal Code) |  |
| Telephone: |  | EMAIL: |  |
| Critical Access Hospital Employer: |  | Supervisor Contact  (to verify employment). |  |

This CLC scholarship helps cover registration, exam & textbook ($825) for a Montana Critical Access Hospital **Requirements**:

* Montana resident, employed in mother-baby care at a Montana Critical Access Hospital;
* Must **complete** the online training and examination by June 1st, 2021;
* Attending training will support applicant’s facility lactation program;
* Selected applicants will be required to register and pay for CLC – scholarship award will be sent to your facility or directly to applicant.

**Please Respond**

Please describe your current role at your facility & how completion of the online Certified Lactation Counselor Training will:

**1) Support lactation work at your hospital & community;**

**2) Support your professional goals in lactation support;**

**3) Also highlight specific challenges and barriers to breastfeeding support in your community.**

*Scoring is based on a thorough response to the three questions*. Please return application to [**TMiller6@mt.gov**](mailto:TMiller6@mt.gov?subject=CLC%20CAH%20Application) by Friday, August, 22, 2021