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| 2022 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 August,31, 2022.** This 40-hour **online** course includes practical skills, theoretical foundations and competency verification. Application Deadline May 27th, 2022.

**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 Community;
* Must **complete** the online training and examination by January 31st, 2022;
* 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** by **Friday, May 27th, 2022**