

Eligibility Requirements for the Child Life Professional Certification Examination

1) Minimum of baccalaureate degree

Can be met by:	Must be documented by submitting:
Having received a baccalaureate degree; or	An original official transcript from college/university conferring degree
<p>Being in the final semester of study towards a baccalaureate degree when you take the examination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants scheduled to graduate in May/June may take the spring administration of the examination. • Applicants scheduled to graduate in December may take the November administration of the examination. <p>Applicants scheduled to graduate in July/August are not eligible take the spring administration of the examination.</p>	<p>Letter from college/university registrar certifying anticipated date of graduation.</p> <p>Official transcript showing graduation date and degree conferred; received by CLC office postmarked within 120 days of the examination date. Scores will be released when transcript received. If no transcript is received score will not be released and candidate will need to re-apply to establish eligibility.</p>

2) Course work

Can be met by:	Must be documented by submitting:
<p>Having completed a total of 10 college-level courses within the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Life • Child/Family Development • Family Dynamics • Human Development • Psychology • Sociology • Counseling • Education • Expressive Therapies (e.g., play, music, dance, art) • Therapeutic Recreation <p>NOTE: Courses on death & dying, biomedical ethics, cultural diversity and recreation admin will be accepted regardless of college department. Sports courses under physical education are not acceptable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An OFFICIAL transcript from college/university. • Official as defined by college/university. • Courses submitted must have a passing grade. • No in-progress courses will be accepted. • Transfer courses must have grade listed or be documented by official transcript from original college/university. • Course title or department name must clearly reflect areas. • Documentation presented in a foreign language must be translated to English, at the applicant's expense, by a translation agency with a notarized signature attesting to the content. • On-line education courses must be reflected on official transcript.

3) Clinical child life experience

Can be met by:	Must be documented by submitting:
<p>Completing 480 hours of a child life internship or fellowship, by the application postmark deadline, under the supervision of a certified child life specialist; or</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Child Life Clinical Verification Form for internships or fellowships begun on/after January 1, 2003. • A letter, on institution letterhead and including start/end dates and total hours completed, for internships or fellowships begun on/before December 31, 2002. • The above must be completed/signed by the certified child life specialist providing supervision. • Hours may be completed in more than one site.
<p>Completing 480 hours of paid clinical child life work experience, by the application postmark deadline, under the supervision of a certified child life specialist.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Child Life Clinical Verification Form for work experience begun on/after January 1, 2003 • A letter, on institution letterhead and including start/end dates and total hours completed, for work experience begun on/before December 31, 2002. • The above must be completed/signed by the certified child life specialist providing supervision. • Hours may be completed in more than one site.