



Healthy Children Project, Inc.
Center for Breastfeeding



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Dr. Karin Cadwell, Executive Director of Healthy Children Project, Inc. (HCP) announced on January 18, 2018 that four lactation courses have received college credit recommendations from NCCRS (the National College Credit Recommendation Service).

This benefit provides learners the ability to gain access to college credits for completion of the following courses by using credit recommendations set forth by NCCRS:

- Lactation Counselor Training Course (3 semester hours)
- Maternal Infant Assessment for Breastfeeding and Human Lactation (2 semester hours)
- Applied Teaching Methods in Lactation Education (3 semester hours)
- Advanced Issues in Lactation Practice (3 semester hours)

While admissions and acceptance of transfer credit isn't guaranteed, more than 1,400 colleges and universities nationwide currently consider awarding credit based on NCCRS recommendations.

"Healthy Children is not only dedicated to providing evidence-based educational offerings, we are also committed to providing offerings that enable participants to further their own educational goals. To this end, HCP has offered college credit opportunities in conjunction with our multi-day offerings since 1999. We are proud to partner with NCCRS as a way to expand the availability of affordable college credit opportunities to more than 1,400 colleges in the United States, furthering our ultimate goal of equity in the field of lactation care" said Karin Cadwell, PhD, RN, FAAN, IBCLC, ANLC.

"NCCRS is pleased to recommend college credit for Healthy Children Project courses," NCCRS Director Lisa Sax Mahoney said. "Through our professional evaluations, we continue to support the recognition of high-quality workforce training programs delivered by qualified organizations across the country."

NCCRS, founded in 1973 by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, strives to increase access to higher education through recognition of non-collegiate learning. Using an academic peer review model, NCCRS conducts independent, third-party evaluations of courses and examinations to determine their comparability to college-level learning. Courses and examinations that meet appropriate standards receive college credit recommendations which are listed within *CCRS Online*, a web directory maintained by NCCRS.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the organization granting the college credit recommendations?

Answer: NCCRS (the National College Credit Recommendation Service). NCCRS, founded in 1973 by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, strives to increase access to higher education through recognition of non-collegiate learning. Using an academic peer review model, NCCRS conducts independent, third-party evaluations of courses and examinations to determine their comparability to college-level learning. Courses and examinations that meet appropriate standards receive college credit recommendations which are listed within *CCRS Online*, a web directory maintained by NCCRS. For more information, see <http://www.nationalccrs.org/organizations/healthy-children-project-inc>

Question: Which Healthy Children Project (HCP) courses have been reviewed by NCCRS, how many college credit recommendations per course may be awarded, and what majors might these count toward?

Answer:

- Lactation Counselor Training Course (3 semester hours): In the upper division baccalaureate degree category, 3 semester hours in Lactation Education, Nursing Education, Health Care Administration, or Public or Community Health.
- Maternal Infant Assessment for Breastfeeding and Human Lactation (2 semester hours): In the upper division baccalaureate degree category, 2 semester hours in Lactation Education, Nursing Education, Health Care Administration, or Public or Community Health.
- Applied Teaching Methods in Lactation Education (3 semester hours): In the upper division baccalaureate degree category, 3 semester hours in Lactation Education, Nursing Education, Health Care Administration, or Public or Community Health.
- Advanced Issues in Lactation Practice (3 semester hours): In the upper division baccalaureate degree category, 3 semester hours in Lactation Education, Nursing Education, Health Care Administration, or Public or Community Health.

Question: Will every college take these recommendations?

Answer: While admissions and acceptance of transfer credit isn't guaranteed, more than 1,400 colleges and universities nationwide currently consider awarding credit based on NCCRS recommendations.

Question: I took a HCP course in September of 2012, can I still get college credit recommendations?

Answer: Yes; courses within 5 years prior to our NCCRS assessment (August 2017) can receive college credit recommendations, as long as all documentation for course work is in order. Our registrars must be able to validate successful completion of all assignments and competencies.

Question: What if I didn't pass the course?

Answer: Only participants who meet the attendance requirements and pass all required coursework can received college credit recommendations.

Question: How much does it cost per transcript?

Answer: There is a \$25 fee per transcript (one course listed per transcript).

Question: How long does it take from the time I make the request and pay the fee to the time my transcripts arrives?

Answer: It can take 4-6 weeks for your request to be processed.

Question: I have received my transcript. I notice that the envelope is sealed and embossed. Should I open it?

Answer: Do not open the envelope. The college or university will need the envelope to remain sealed and embossed.

Question: I'm in an Associates program, taking lower level courses, but I see that the courses are approved as upper level baccalaureate courses. Can I still receive the college credit recommendations?

Answer: We can't guarantee if any specific program or college/university will accept the courses. Please check with your program advisor at your school.

Question: Where can I find more information?

Answer: For questions about the college credit recommendations from Healthy Children, please contact Dr. Anna Blair, the Director of Academic Programs at the Healthy Children

Project at (508) 888-8044 or info@centerforbreastfeeding.org. For information about if the HCP courses will count toward your academic program, please contact your advisor at your university/college. For more information about NCCRS, see <http://www.nationalccrs.org/organizations/healthy-children-project-inc>.

Question: How do I start the process?

Answer: Complete the attached form and fax it (with your signature and initials) to (508) 888-8050. Then, call HCP with your credit card at (508) 888-8044 (from 9 to 5 Eastern Time, Monday through Friday).

Question: I thought that I had to be a student at a specific school in order to receive college credit recommendations for Healthy Children courses. Is that the case or can I go to any school?

Answer: More than 1,400 schools have accepted college credit recommendations from NCCRS. It's one of the reasons we're excited to partner with NCCRS. This increases access and equity by having the potential of using these HCP courses within state, as well as private, colleges/universities.

Question: My employer reimburses for college courses. Does this mean that they will pay for my Healthy Children courses?

Answer: Frequently, employers pay for continuing education, but some only pay for college/university courses. Since these four HCP courses have been approved for college credit recommendations, it is worth checking with your employer.

Question: My employer is asking for more information about the Healthy Children Project. Can you tell me more?

Answer: More information can be found on the HCP website www.centerforbreastfeeding.org.

Here is a summary of the work we do:

Healthy Children Project, Inc. (HCP), an NCCRS member since July 2017, was established in 1993, and is a non-profit 501(c)3 research and educational institution. HCP's mission is to improve child health outcomes in partnership with public, private, and non-profit agencies. This mission is advanced through education, leadership, consulting, education, and research in a paradigm of transformative learning.

HCP is the largest U.S. national provider of lactation management education for healthcare providers, educating more than 4,000 health providers, advocates, and facilitators annually through five-day courses, certificate courses, workshops, seminars, self-study modules, and national and international conferences

HCP faculty are leaders in their field, recognized for their evidence-based scholarship as well as their clinical experience. Our faculty serve in leadership positions in maternal and child health coalitions nationally and internationally.

Question: I've taken the Lactation Counselor Training Course and became certified as a Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC). Now that I see that there are 3 additional college-level courses, I'd like to take more. What are the other courses?

Answer: For more information about Healthy Children courses, see our website.

<http://www.centerforbreastfeeding.org/Education.htm#Lactation>

For more information about the NCCRS evaluated courses, see

<http://www.nationalccrs.org/organizations/healthy-children-project-inc>

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Name _____

Address _____

Title of Healthy Children course: _____

Date of course: _____

Location of course: _____

____ (initial here) Please send me my official transcript. I understand that there is a \$25 fee per transcript (one course listed per transcript).

____ (initial here) I understand that the transcript will arrive in a sealed and embossed envelope. Opening this envelope will invalidate the official nature of the transcript.

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____ Vcode: _____

X _____

*Electronic signatures will not be accepted. Please call (508) 888-8044 from 9 am to 5 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday to provide your credit card. For security purposes, **never** email credit card information. Requests will not be processed without payment. Please allow 4 weeks for transcript processing.*

For Registrar's office use:

Registrar: _____

Transcript approved by: _____

Date sent: _____