How do I become a IBCLC lactation consultant?

Which Pathway am I?

**Step One: College** .... Yes or No ... *Must be yes before step TWO*

- **Yes**
  - RN, RD, LVN, MD
  - You have already passed the 8 college Courses + 6 CEU courses
  - Move to Step 2

- **No**
  - Need 8 college courses and 6 CEU course before start of program
  - Get these courses before Step 2

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All PATHWAY 1 interns take the ONLINE 22 week course/class
Course starts every quarter ... (Fall-Winter-Spring-Sumer)
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Step TWO: Clinical ... Yes or No

Clinical
Calculating Hours: total number of hours worked in past 5 years?

Calculate total number of hours WORKED in past 5 years and multiply by one of these percentages:
- RN L&D: 10%
- RN NICU: 10%
- Peer Counselor: 80%
- CLEC working directly with BF Clients: 80%

YES ... 1000+ hours working with BF Dyads in past 5 years
(Hours must be verifiable by employer)

Yes - College
Yes - Hours
PATHWAY 1

NO ...
clinical experience in past 5 years
Or, does not equal minimum 1000 hours

Clinical hours are less than 1000 in past 5 years

Yes College
DO NOT have 1000 hours clinical experience
PATHWAY 2

All PATHWAY 2 interns must have all of the college requirements, the CLEC course, and a clinical site identified before applying to Consultant Course

ONLINE 33 week Lactation Consultant HYBRID course/class
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