



Certified Lactation Support Provider (CLSP) Code of Conduct

As a Certified Lactation Support Provider (CLSP), I agree to the following:

- Follow the CLSP Scope of Practice
- Adhere to the World Health Organization International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/254911/WHO-NMH-NHD-17.1-eng.pdf>
- Provide evidence-based information and education
- Maintain strict client confidentiality and privacy
- Respect client anonymity, privacy, and confidentiality in social media and all forms of communication
- Refer any client to a health care provider and/or International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) when working with a family whose support needs fall outside the realm of normal, uncomplicated lactation or whose support needs require care outside of the CLSP Scope of Practice. Reasons a CLSP may need to refer a family to a health care provider and/or IBCLC may include, but are not limited to:
 - Nipple damage such as cracking, bleeding, or blistering
 - Weight loss that exceeds normal newborn weight loss
 - SGA, small for gestational age or LGA, large for gestational age babies
 - Jaundice
 - Late preterm baby
 - Preterm baby
 - Need for the use of tools such as nipple shield, SNS, etc

- History of breast surgery
- Assisted or instrument delivery
- Plugged milk ducts
- Suspected fungal or mastitis infection
- Suspected low milk supply
- Hyperlactation
- Suspected tongue tie
- Suspected suck dysphagia
- Suspected milk allergy
- Suspected GERD/GORD
- Need for medications
- Induction of lactation
- Lactation support of a baby with medical needs
- Provide culturally sensitive, inclusive, non-discriminatory, equitable, family-centered, and trauma-informed care
- Respect the autonomy and feeding decisions of the families/individuals one works with
- Respect intellectual property rights
- Notify GOLD Lactation Academy if convicted of criminal/felonious misconduct
- Abide by local, regional, and national laws pertaining to lactation support and family care
- Seek out appropriate insurance and/or liability coverage, as necessary, in your region
- Disclose conflicts of interests

Any CLSP pursuing an IBCLC credential or wanting to offer consulting services would require clinical mentorship training, as well as additional steps to qualify to sit for the IBLCE exam.

GOLD Lactation Academy reserves the right to permanently revoke the CLSP credential. If a certificant is found to violate the Code of Conduct or Scope of Practice, there will be a review by the Grievance Committee for final determination.

Applicant Signature

I have read and understood the contents of this document – Certified Lactation Support Provider (CLSP) Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the responsibilities & expectations outlined within this document.

Name:

Date:

Signature: