



Lactation Education Forum

Access to Clinical Instruction

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Forum Agenda

7:00-7:10	Identify challenges
7:10-7:30	Panelists describe their settings Gini Baker: Affiliations with hospitals across US Vergie Hughes: Affiliations with local hospitals Catherine Sullivan: Integrated didactic/clinical program Debbie Albert: Affiliated hospital for clinical instruction
7:30-7:40	Small group brainstorming of solutions to challenges
7:40-7:50	Groups report back to large group
7:50-8:00	Wrap up and next steps

Challenges for access to a full variety of quality clinical experience

1. Graduates of didactic courses must find their own mentors
2. Reluctance of IBCLCs to accept students
3. Insufficient settings that offer clinical experience
4. Inconsistent preceptor expertise
5. Others?

Challenges for access to a full variety of quality clinical experience

- Graduates of didactic courses must find their own mentors
 - Costs for clinical training are difficult for many
 - Those in remote areas have no access or must travel to access sites
 - Quality of what students absorbed from learning, background, experience

Challenges for access to a full variety of quality clinical experience

- Reluctance of IBCLCs to accept students
 - Private practice dual role of working with families and supervising interns
 - Multiple job duties; lactation visits difficult to anticipate

Challenges for access to a full variety of quality clinical experience

- Insufficient settings that offer clinical experience
 - Interns must be sponsored by a formal educational program or licensed health care provider
 - Challenge for peer counselors not in settings with access to mentors
 - Cost of student insurance coverage

Challenges for access to a full variety of quality clinical experience

- Inconsistent preceptor expertise
 - Training not required
 - 5-year certification requirement limits pool of instructors