## **PB Certificate in Human Lactation**

## Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Curriculum Guide Effective 2020-2021

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The Advanced Certificate Program in Human Lactation will prepare students for a professional healthcare career as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC). As a result of the 95 didactic hours of coursework and 300 hours of clinical experience required by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLE), students who successfully pass the exam will qualify for positions domestically and internationally. The graduate certificate, designed to prepare IBCLCs, will focus on the health advantages of human milk, the physiology of breastfeeding, clinical practice and care management of breastfeeding, and how to provide culturally-competent care to families. The certificate program is comprised of 18 credit hours; the curriculum has been approved by the Lactation Education Accreditation and Approval Review Committee (LEAARC).

**Admission Requirements**: Applicants for admission must have earned a B.A. or B.S. with a minimum grade-point average of 2.8 with fourteen health and science courses required by IBLCE to enter into a Pathway 2 program. The Graduate Record Examination is not required.

FCS 620	Didactic Instruction for Breastfeeding I	4 credits
FCS 621	Clinical Approach to Breastfeeding I	3 credits
FCS 622	Cultural Diversity and Communication in Healthcare I	2 credits
FCS 623	Didactic Instruction for Breastfeeding II	4 credits
FCS 624	Clinical Approach to Breastfeeding II	3 credits
FCS 625	Culturally Diversity and Communication in Healthcare II	2 credits

**Accreditation:** The Human Lactation Pathway 2 Program at N.C. A&T is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Lactation Education Accreditation and Approval Review Committee. The program earned its initial accreditation on May 15, 2020, and is current until 2025. CAAHEP, 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763 (727) 210-2350