The Mary Rose Tully Training Initiative (MRT-TI) is a residential, two-semester, Pathway 2 Lactation Consultant training program. The MRT-TI is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Lactation Education and Approval Review Committee. We are proud to be the first Pathway 2 Lactation Consultant training program to earn accreditation through CAAHEP.

Requirements for Admission

- Admission to the program is based on the information provided by the individual’s program application, college transcripts, personal statement, and two letters of recommendation.
- College transcripts are reviewed for admissions purposes only, it is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that he/she meets the prerequisite course requirements as set forth by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLE). Please reference the IBLCE Health Sciences Education Guide by visiting iblce.org.

Clinical Lactation Experience

- Students are required to attend one clinical day per week. The clinical lactation experience includes primarily direct supervised practice and competency attainment in a hospital or birth center setting, with the student beginning by observing the preceptor and progressing to providing care under the guidance of the preceptor.
- Students participate in experiential sharing and topic review, shadowing of WIC breastfeeding coordinators and peer counselors, and attendance at breastfeeding support groups and prenatal education classes.

Didactic Education

- Students attend three hour weekly class sessions and participate in research presentations, lecture, and clinical case study sharing. The didactic learning also includes project assignments, exams and attendance at breastfeeding conferences.

Criteria for Graduation/Course Completion

- Successful completion of all clinical and didactic coursework, competencies, passing grades for both MHCH 765 and 766, and the attainment of 300 clinical hours and 90 didactic hours are required for graduation from the program. The Director of Training then issues a letter of verification of completion of the program that may be submitted to the IBLCE.
- Graduates earn 30.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

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