



ICEA Doula Certification Program

ICEA doula certification is for four years and not for the lifetime of the individual. The four-year period of certification begins when completed application is processed by ICEA.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

It is required that ICEA doula certification candidates maintain a current individual or supporting membership. ICEA membership renewals arriving after expiration date will automatically be backdated at the time of processing. No membership benefits are retroactive.

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Certification application and completed verification forms must be submitted to ICEA no later than the date stamped on the certification application. Verification forms that must be submitted with the application are:

- Verification of attending an ICEA Doula and Labor Support Workshop, OR Verification of attending ICEA contact hour approved doula training workshops of 18 hours or more and completion of six alternate contact hour post-tests.
- Verification of completion of program required readings.
- Verification of auditing one childbirth or postpartum education class series.
- Verification of three labor or postpartum support experiences.

ICEA will send the newly certified doula a formal certificate indicating status as an ICEA Certified Doula, an ICD. Along with the certificate, ICEA will send a copy of the current recertification requirements.

ICEA reserves the right to change any part of the certification program or recertification process. Notice of such changes will be printed in the *International Journal of Childbirth Education*.