



## **CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION GUIDELINES**

### **ICEA Childbirth Educator Certification Experienced Program**

The ICEA childbirth educator certification examination is designed to test for a thorough knowledge of the basic content in childbirth preparation. The examination is based solely on the objectives outlined in the ICEA modules and the assigned required readings.

#### **THE EXAMINATION**

The examination consists entirely of 250 multiple choice questions. There are no short answer or essay questions. The examination is “closed book” and will be proctored. Four hours will be given to complete the examination. The score is based on the number of correct answers. There is no penalty for wrong answers. Candidates for whom English is a second language may use a non-medical primary language/English dictionary and five hours to complete the examination.

#### **THE EXAMINATION SCHEDULE**

Certification examinations are scheduled at all ICEA International Conventions. Candidates may apply to take the examinations in any state, province or country. They are not limited to taking the examination in their local geographic area. If taking the certification examination for the reduced fee of \$99 at the ICEA International Convention, the candidate must also register to attend the convention.

An examination can be scheduled by completing and submitting the ICEA childbirth educator certification examination application form to the ICEA Certification Coordinator.

Candidates requesting a change in their scheduled certification examination will be assessed a \$25 fee. All examinations must be scheduled at least sixty days prior to the examination date, this includes any requested changes in scheduled examinations.

#### **APPLYING TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION**

Candidates must take the certification examination within one year of entering the program. Candidates must choose an examination date that is at least sixty days after the application is received in the ICEA Central Office.

#### **PASSING THE EXAMINATION**

It will take up to sixty days to grade the examination and notify the candidate of the score. Each candidate who receives a passing score of a minimum of 70% is considered to be an ICEA Certified Childbirth Educator, an ICCE. ICEA will inform each candidate of the score and issue a formal certificate to those who have successfully completed the program.

#### **FAILING THE EXAMINATION**

ICEA will notify candidates who fail to achieve the minimum passing score. Candidates in the experienced program may retake a failed examination as many times as possible within one year of the first fail date, provided guidelines are followed. Candidates who fail the examination and whose time in the program has expired may reenter the experienced educator program. Candidates who reenter the experienced educator program may use