



ICEA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS ICEA Childbirth Educator Certification Program

The purpose of maintaining ICEA membership is to expose candidates and ICCEs to ICEA's goals and philosophy as expressed in the *International Journal of Childbirth Education* and to provide a means to keep candidates and ICCEs up-to-date on changes in childbirth and maternity care.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates in the certification program must maintain an individual or supporting membership. Regardless of the kind of membership, it is imperative that the membership be kept current. **A membership lapse FOR ANY REASON will result in disruption of the certification process.**

IF A MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES

If an individual or supporting membership has lapsed, it must immediately be renewed. At the time of renewal of membership, the renewal will be backdated automatically by ICEA so that there is no interruption in the membership. No membership benefits will be given for the time the membership was expired.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ICCES

It is required that ICCEs maintain a current individual or supporting membership. ICCEs who let their memberships lapse jeopardize their status and must pay a membership reactivation fee.

ICCEs who have been removed due to lapsed membership may be reactivated with a backdated membership, provided they pay back membership fees and a membership reactivation fee.

Membership is also important in regards to a qualified evaluator of the teaching series. Please also read ***Evaluated Teaching Guidelines***.