EXAMINATION:

Lamaze Childbirth Educator Certification Examination

EXAMINATION AT-A-GLANCE:

The Lamaze certification exam consists of 150 multiple-choice questions. Three hours are allotted for completion of the examination. The questions reflect essential information that a childbirth educator should know, the Competencies of a Lamaze Certified Childbirth Educator:

1. Promote the childbearing experience as a normal, natural, and healthy process, which profoundly affects women and their families. (15%) 22 or 23 questions.

2. Assist women and their families to discover and use strategies that facilitate normal, natural, healthy pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding and early parenting. (30%) 45 questions.

3. Help women and their families to understand how interventions and complications influence the normal course of pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, and early postpartum. (15%) 22 or 23 questions.

4. Provides information and support that encourages attachment between babies and their families. (5%) 7 or 8 questions.

5. Assist women and their families to make informed decisions for childbearing. (5%) 7 or 8 questions.

6. Act as an advocate to promote normal, natural, healthy and fulfilling childbirth experiences for women and their families. (5%) 7 or 8 questions.

7. Design, teach, and evaluate a course in Lamaze preparation that increases women’s confidence and ability to give birth. (20%) 30 questions.

ELIGIBILITY:

Lamaze certification candidates may become eligible to sit for the exam in one of three ways. They may qualify as an experienced educator, as a midwife or midwifery student or as a traditional candidate who has successfully completed a Lamaze Childbirth Educator Program. Please visit the Lamaze Web site for detailed eligibility criteria.

Candidates interested in taking the examination should contact Lamaze International at http://www.lamaze.org/.

Once you have been approved, you are responsible for scheduling an appointment to take the examination.

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION

To schedule an examination, please call (800) 211-2754. The times of operation for live operators are as follows:

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CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your cancellation notice is received 24 hours before the scheduled examination date.

Note: A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the telephone system and speak to a Customer Service Representative.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

Your registration will be invalid, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, and you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:
Do not cancel your appointment 24 hours before the schedule examination date;
Do not appear for your examination appointment;
Arrive after examination start time;
Do not present proper identification and letter of authorization when you arrive for the examination.

**SECURITY PROCEDURES**

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- While at an examination site, you are considered to be a professional and shall be treated as such. In turn, you must conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times. While at the site, you shall not use words or take actions that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or that would denigrate the staff or other candidates.
- NO conversing or any other form of communication among candidates is permitted once you enter the examination area.
- Cell phones, pagers, and children are not allowed in the examination center. **NO personal items are to enter the testing center.** Candidates are encouraged to leave all personal belongings except their keys in their car.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking will be allowed at the examination site.
- Copying or communicating examination content is a violation of security policy. Either one may result in the disqualification of examination results and may lead to legal action.

**TESTING SITES**

There are nationwide examination centers. You will be provided with the locations upon scheduling for your examination.