



Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) Program Summary

The Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) professional certification distinguishes those who have demonstrated experience, proficiency, knowledge and exposure to licensing and commercialization of intellectual property (IP) through active involvement in patenting, marketing, valuation, IP law, negotiation, business development and intellectual asset management. The CLP community includes professionals from 30 countries who work in a diverse range of practice settings, including university tech transfer offices, law firms, research entities, non-profits, corporations, hospitals, and private practice. Earners of the CLP-Associate (CLP-A) and CLP-Emeritus credentials are also part of the CLP community.

Why Earn CLP Certification?

- ✓ Establish credibility among colleagues and peers
- ✓ Exhibit knowledge and understanding of the latest industry practices
- ✓ Fulfill personal and professional goals for career development
- ✓ Expand opportunities for career advancement and job mobility
- ✓ Validate and recognize your experience and qualifications
- ✓ Demonstrate your commitment to professional development and your licensing career

CLP Eligibility Requirements

Candidates meet one of two eligibility pathways, outlined below.

	PATHWAY 1	PATHWAY 2
Education Requirement	Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university	High school diploma or equivalent
Experience Requirement	1. At least three (3) years of professional-level licensing experience accrued within the previous eight (8) years. 2. Have worked in the licensing field within 12 months of the submission of the CLP certification application.	1. At least six (6) years of professional-level licensing experience accrued within the previous eight (8) years. 2. Have worked in the licensing field within 12 months of the submission of the CLP certification application.
Professional References	Two (2) professional references who can attest to the candidate's licensing education and experience.	

Steps to Earn and Maintain Certification

1. Meet minimum eligibility requirements.
2. [Apply](#) for the exam.
3. After application approval, schedule the exam appointment.
 - ▶ The 2026 [testing windows](#) are April 1 – May 31 and September 15 – November 15.
 - ▶ [Exams](#) are offered at testing centers worldwide or via live remote proctoring from your home or office, giving you the flexibility to choose the location and time that suits your schedule.
4. Prepare for the certification exam using the [exam content outline](#), [reference list](#) and [optional prep course](#).
 - ▶ The exam covers five content areas: Opportunity Assessment, Development and Valuation; Intellectual Property Protection; Agreement Development and Drafting; Negotiation; and Agreement Management.
5. Take the exam and receive results following exam completion.
 - ▶ Passing candidates receive a secure digital badge that can be displayed on media platforms and email signatures. CLP credential holders are listed in the online credential [registry](#) and may use the credential "CLP" following their names.
 - ▶ Failing candidates receive a detailed score report and a retest attempt at no additional cost during their 13-month eligibility period.
6. Complete the CLP recertification process every 3 years to demonstrate continued competence by earning professional development credits through a variety of educational activities.

For more information visit www.licensingcertification.org or contact clpinfo@licensingcertification.org.