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## Board of Certification/Accreditation

# Prerequisites **Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter (CLCF)**

1. The **CLCF** is a microcredential and must accompany an active credential in a relevant healthcare field.
2. **Compression garment fitting education** is also required prior to taking the CLCF Exam.

### CREDENTIALS

Candidates who have credentials in one or more of the following healthcare disciplines and/or are pursuing a career working with DMEPOS or compression therapy.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>BOC COF</b> (Orthotic Fitter) or CFo (ABC Orthotic Fitter)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>BOC CMF</b> (Mastectomy Fitter) or CFm (ABC Mastectomy Fitter)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant (PA)                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>BOC CDME</b> (BOC Certified Durable Medical Equipment Specialist)          | <input type="checkbox"/> MD or DO (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTA or OTA (Physical Therapist Assistant or Occupational Therapist Assistant) | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Trainer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLT (Certified Lymphedema Therapist)  | <input type="checkbox"/> LMT (Licensed Massage Therapist)                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RN or LPN (Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PT or OT (Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist)                       |  |

*If you are unsure about eligibility or have a credential that is not listed, and CLCF could be beneficial to your work, we will review upon request. Please email the Certification Team: [cert@bocusa.org](mailto:cert@bocusa.org).*

### TRAINING

- o **If you have already taken relevant training as part of your credential, you may not need to take additional training.** Simply provide the required documentation with your application. After review, you will receive a status update email. Once approved, you will receive instructions for exam registration.
- o **If you do NOT already have this training, you should complete an entry-level course covering foundational compression therapy and lymphedema knowledge prior to sitting for the BOC Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter (CLCF) exam.** At a minimum, the course should address: Vascular and Lymphatic Anatomy and Disease Basics; Lymphedema, Lipedema, and Venous Disease Staging; Signs, Symptoms, Skin Integrity, and Contraindications; Compression Principles and Garment Selection; Prescription Interpretation and Basic Measurement/Fitting; and Documentation Fundamentals.

*Many of these courses are offered by compression garment manufacturers and industry education partners, provided they align with BOC content expectations. For full detail on required knowledge areas, refer to the CLCF Detailed Content Outline (DCO). We encourage applicants to complete training after submitting their CLCF application. Once complete, candidates will receive instructions and details for exam registration.*

*If you have any questions, email the Certification Team: [cert@bocusa.org](mailto:cert@bocusa.org).*