

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UNC-PEMBROKE
FOUNDATIONS OF THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT
Level I Certificate Program Registration

October 1, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | UNC Pembroke Chavis Student Center Annex

APPLICATION PURPOSE

This application registers participants for the one-day Level I professional development and identifies the certificate preparation pathway the participant is requesting. Certificate eligibility is subject to the standards and completion requirements stated in this application.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina recognizes that the Indian Child Welfare Act is rooted in tribal sovereignty and the protection of Native children, families, and culture. Accordingly, this certificate program affirms that knowledge of tribal customs, traditions, child-rearing practices, and community values is essential to competent ICWA practice. The program seeks to elevate Indigenous knowledge while welcoming interdisciplinary professionals committed to culturally responsive service, collaboration, and the preservation of Native families. This guiding principle underscores the shared commitment of the Lumbee Tribe and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke to excellence in tribal child welfare education and practice.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:	Preferred Name:
Organization/Agency:	Position/Title:
Mailing Address:	City/State/ZIP:
Email Address:	Telephone Number:

Professional or Community Role (check all that apply):

☐ Tribal child welfare/ICWA	☐ DSS/child welfare
☐ Attorney/legal professional	☐ Judge/court personnel
☐ Educator/student	☐ Mental or behavioral health
☐ Health care	☐ Advocate/community service
☐ Foster/kinship caregiver	☐ Other: _____

SELECT ONE LEVEL I CERTIFICATE PATHWAY

Choose only one certificate pathway. Review its eligibility standards carefully before applying.

☐ QUALIFIED EXPERT WITNESS (QEW) PREPARATION

For enrolled tribal members preparing to serve as a Qualified Expert Witness in ICWA child-custody matters and related court proceedings. Under 25 C.F.R. § 23.122, a QEW must be qualified to testify about whether continued custody by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child and should be qualified to testify about the prevailing social and cultural standards of the Indian child's Tribe. A Tribe may designate a person as qualified to testify about its prevailing social and cultural standards.

Lumbee certificate eligibility: A tribal enrollment number is required. Completion of this workshop is preparation only; it does not independently guarantee Tribal designation, appointment, acceptance by a court, or qualification as an expert in a particular case. *Note:- May apply: National and North Carolina criminal-history checks, preferably fingerprint-based. National and state sex-offender registry searches. North Carolina Responsible Individuals List or other child-abuse and neglect registry. .

☐ INDIAN CHILD WELFARE QUALIFIED ADVOCATE PREPARATION

For enrolled tribal members who want to support active efforts, assist families and QEWs, strengthen community trust, promote culturally responsive practice, and help professionals understand the needs and strengths of Native children and families.

Lumbee certificate eligibility: A tribal enrollment number is required. This certificate does not authorize the practice of law, legal representation, or service as a QEW unless the individual separately meets the applicable requirements for that role.

☐ ICWA FOUNDATIONS PARTICIPATION

For interdisciplinary professionals, students, caregivers, community members, and others seeking a stronger understanding of ICWA and its role in supporting tribal children and families. Tribal enrollment is not required for this pathway.

This participation certificate does not, by itself, qualify or authorize the participant to serve as a QEW or Indian Child Welfare Qualified Advocate.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

Complete this section if you selected QEW Preparation or Indian Child Welfare Qualified Advocate Preparation. Enrollment information will be used for program eligibility verification and handled as confidential registration information.

Tribe:	Tribal Enrollment Number:
Name as Shown on Tribal Record:	Verification Completed by Program Staff:

***Certificates of Completion will be issued after completion of professional development by email or through preferred contact.**

LEVEL I CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To receive the selected Level I certificate, the participant must complete all of the following:

- ☐ Attend the full training day, from registration/opening through the closing certification instructions;
- ☐ Participate in interactive sessions and the applied case study;
- ☐ Complete both the pre-assessment and post-assessment; and
- ☐ Complete the program evaluation.

REGISTRATION FEE

☐ Participant is 20 years or older but under age 55 * ☐ Nontribal member	Registration fee: \$75.00
☐ Participant is age 55 or older and tribally enrolled	Registration fee: No cost

Payment method/instructions: _____

Amount enclosed/paid: \$_____ Payment date: _____ Receipt/confirmation #: _____

***All payments must be on or before September 29, 2026, before 5:00 pm. Checks or cash should be submitted to the Lumbee Tribe ICWA, 171 COMtech Drive, Pembroke, NC 28372**

ACCESSIBILITY OR PARTICIPATION NEEDS

Please identify any reasonable accommodation, accessibility need, or other support needed to participate fully:

APPLICANT STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate. I understand the eligibility standards for the certificate pathway I selected and agree to complete all Level I requirements. I understand that a training certificate documents completion of this program and does not constitute a license to practice law, guarantee appointment or employment, or independently establish that a court must accept me as a Qualified Expert Witness in a particular case.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROGRAM USE ONLY

Application received:	Payment status: ☐ Paid ☐ Waived ☐ Pending
Requested pathway:	Enrollment verified (if required): ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Application status: ☐ Approved ☐ Pending ☐ Not approved	Certificate requirements completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Reviewer name/initials:	Date:

Program contact: _____ Email/phone: _____
