

Guided By Grace Certified Doula (GGCD) – Public Certification Description

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Guided By Grace Certified Doula (GGCD) is a personnel certification issued by Rooted Creative Group, LLC under the Guided By Grace Doulas program.

It validates knowledge and skills required to provide community-based doula support across prenatal, labor/birth, and early postpartum periods.

The certification is distinct from training completion and is awarded solely on meeting certification requirements and passing a psychometrically sound examination in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Prospective and practicing doulas who provide non-clinical, culturally responsive support to pregnant and postpartum families in community and home settings, as well as birth center or hospital environments.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age 18.
- Completion of an approved training program (or equivalent education/experience) covering core doula competencies.
- Attestation to Code of Conduct and Impartiality/Conflict-of-Interest declarations.
- Current adult/infant CPR certification (or equivalent) [if required by program].
- HIPAA Privacy & Security Training with certificate of completion dated within the last 12 months (or state-equivalent privacy training if applicable).
- Agreement to confidentiality and data protection policies; adherence to client privacy standards and secure handling of protected health information (PHI).
- Background check or client-safety attestations [if applicable].

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply via the certification portal.
- Submit required documentation and fees.
- Schedule the exam upon eligibility approval.
- First-time certification is awarded upon passing the exam and agreeing to the certification terms.

EXAM OVERVIEW

- Format: Multiple-choice items (single best answer), scenario-based items, and limited-response case minis.
- Delivery: Online proctored or test center [program-defined].

- Length: ~150 items; 3 hours testing time [program-defined].
- Scoring: Raw scores are converted to a scaled score. Passing standard set via modified Angoff with SME panel and psychometric oversight.
- Security: Item exposure monitoring, proctoring controls, and post-exam psychometric review.

CONTENT DOMAINS AND WEIGHTS (EXAM BLUEPRINT)

Domain	Weight
Professional Practice, Ethics, Privacy & HIPAA	18%
Prenatal Support and Education	22%
Labor and Birth Support	28%
Immediate Postpartum Support and Infant Feeding	20%
Business, Documentation, and Boundaries	12%

RECERTIFICATION

- Cycle: Every 3 years.
- Requirements: 30 hours of continuing education aligned to the exam domains, adherence to Code of Conduct, and proof of HIPAA Privacy & Security refresher training within the last 12 months at the time of renewal.
- Audits: A percentage of certificants are selected for CE audit annually.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Candidates may request reasonable accommodations consistent with applicable laws and standards. Procedures are provided on the certification website.

COMPLAINTS & APPEALS

The certification program provides impartial processes for complaints and appeals related to application, testing, outcomes, or ethics. Information on how to file is available at <https://allgoodthingsnmore.com>.

IMPARTIALITY & NONDISCRIMINATION

Rooted Creative Group, LLC maintains an impartiality policy and governance to identify, analyze, and mitigate conflicts of interest. Decisions are made without discrimination.

FEES

Current fees for application, testing, retesting, and recertification are listed at <https://allgoodthingsnmore.com>.

PUBLIC REGISTRY

A public registry of current certificants will be maintained at <https://allgoodthingsnmore.com>.

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