

## Certified Licensing Professional-Associate (CLP-A) Program Summary

The CLP-Associate (CLP-A) credential is designed for individuals who are either new to or are re-entering the licensing and technology transfer field. CLP-A allows individuals to demonstrate a commitment to the licensing profession while building experience in the fields of licensing, technology transfer or intellectual property management. The designation is a pathway to meeting the requirements for the Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) certification.

CLP-A designees gain valuable knowledge in the tasks and activities associated with the role of a licensing and tech transfer professional and demonstrate commitment to the profession through one's ability to relate knowledge gained through training, education and/or work experience.

## Why Earn the CLP-A?

- ✓ Provides a tangible demonstration of knowledge attained in the early stages of the individual's licensing and technology transfer career
- ✓ Demonstrates commitment to the profession and ongoing development of knowledge and skill
- ✓ Prepares applicants for success in the field
- ✓ Establishes the basis of knowledge needed to earn the CLP certification

## **CLP-A Eligibility Requirements**

There are two eligibility requirements – education and a professional narrative. Applicants have two options to fulfill each eligibility requirement.

- 1) Education or Training in the content areas covered on the CLP certification exam.
  - The five content areas are: Opportunity Assessment, Development and Valuation; Intellectual Property Protection; Agreement Development and Drafting; Negotiation; and Agreement Management.
  - ▶ Complete at least eight hours of education or training through either:
    - A. One (1) intensive course (minimum 8 hours) OR
    - B. At least nine (9) hours across a minimum of three (3) CLP content areas through completion of multiple education activities
- 2) **Professional Narrative** that encourages reflection on education, training and/or previous work experience.
  - Submit a written response to the professional narrative question based on either:
    - A. Completed work project, OR
    - B. Education/training completed

## Steps to Earn the CLP-A Credential

- 1. Meet minimum eligibility requirements.
- 2. Complete the online <u>application</u> and pay application fee.
- 3. Following application approval, designees receive a secure digital badge that can be displayed on media platforms and email signatures, showcasing the accomplishment. Designees are listed in the online credential registry. Designees may use the credential "CLP-A" following their names.
- 4. The CLP-A is valid for three years, and recertification is not required.
  - ▶ Individuals may apply for CLP certification once <u>CLP eligibility requirements</u> are met. The CLP-A application fee will be applied towards the CLP exam fee, resulting in a savings of \$225 (USD) for the CLP exam fee for CLP-A designees.