

CREIGHTON MODEL

FertilityCare PRACTITIONER Program

The CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System works cooperatively with a woman's cycle to monitor normal and naturally occurring biological markers that identify the fertile and infertile days in her cycle. The couple uses this information to plan or avoid a pregnancy and to monitor a woman's health. The system is based on respect for the couple, the family and human life from the moment of conception.

The FertilityCare PRACTITIONER Program is a one-year program that prepares students to teach the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System to women and couples from any reproductive category.

The Program consists of:

- Two Education Phases
- Two Supervised Practica
- On Site Visit by a Faculty Supervisor
- National Standardized Final Exam

Curriculum Content

EDUCATION PHASE I

Education Phase I (EP I) is an 8 day total immersion educational experience in the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System.

The EPI Curriculum includes:

- History of Natural Family Planning
- Anatomy of the Male and Female Reproductive System
- Statistical Parameters of the Menstrual Cycle
- Mechanism of Anovulation and Oligoovulation
- Physiology of the Cervix
- The Physiology of Breast Feeding and Menopause
- Psychodynamics of the FertilityCare System and Human Sexuality
- Humanae Vitae
- Philosophical Attitudes of Family Life, Family Planning and Unplanned Pregnancy
- Human Sexuality, Married Love and the Use of Natural Methods of Family Planning
- The Beginnings of Human Life
- The Methods of Contraception
- Physical and Psychological Aspects of Induced Abortion
- Teaching Fertility Appreciation and Utilization of Good Judgment

- The Natural Methods of Family Planning and their Comparative Evaluation
- Use Effectiveness of Natural and Artificial Methods of Family Planning
- The Creighton Model FertilityCare System
- The Importance of Standardized Teaching
- Basic Chart Reading and Chart Correcting
- Special Method Instructions
- Scientific Foundations of the Ovulation Method
- Basic Principles of Follow-up
- The Organization and Flow of the First and Subsequent Follow-ups
- How to Conduct a FertilityCare Introductory Session and Follow-Up
- The FertilityCare Follow-Up Form
- Techniques of Follow-up Laboratory Basic Problem Solving
- An Introduction to NAPROTECHNOLOGY®
- An Introduction to Case Management
- Principles of Case Management
- Basic Business Aspects and Marketing of FertilityCare Services
- Utilization of Forms for Record Keeping and Standardized Teaching
- Qualities of Being a Professional

SUPERVISED PRACTICUM I

Supervised Practicum I (SP I) begins with the successful completion of EP I. At this time the Interns begin establishing their centers and teaching the FertilityCare System as soon as they return home from EP I. During the practicum a faculty member will supervise the Intern through an innovative system of long distance assignments, phone calls, and problem solving tools.

The SPI Curriculum includes:

- Presentation of the FertilityCare Introductory Session
- How to do a FertilityCare Follow-Up
- Techniques of Follow-up
- Use of Basic Organizational Tools
- Evaluation of Case Reports
- Presentation of the Picture Dictionary
- Teaching Observations
- Basic Case Management
- Case Management Evaluation

EDUCATION PHASE II

Education Phase II (EPII) is a 6 day educational experience which includes the following:

- Basic Presentation of Cases
- NaProTechnology
- Advanced Case Management I Infertility
- Advanced Case Management II Unusual Bleeding
- Advanced Case Management III Management of Continuous Mucus Discharge
- Advanced Case Management IV Use of Yellow Stamps
- Principles of Pregnancy Evaluation, How to Conduct a Pregnancy Evaluation
- Basic Communication Skills
- How to Manage the Human Resources of a Creighton Model FertilityCare Center
- Basic Ethical Principles
- Management of Advanced Behavioral Difficulties
- Advanced Case Management V Difficult Cases
- Advanced Business Aspects
- Comprehensive Case Review

SUPERVISED PRACTICUM II

Supervised Practicum II (SP II) begins with the successful completion of EPII and includes the following:

- Continued Teaching
- Advanced Chart Reading and Correcting
- Advanced Case Management
- Case Management Evaluation
- Conducting Pregnancy Evaluations
- Writing Goals and Objectives
- Writing Job Descriptions
- Advanced Case Management Assignments

On Site Visit

Sometime during SP II the faculty supervisor will conduct a Site Visit at the student's home location. When all requirements are complete the Practitioner Intern will qualify to take a national standardized final exam. With completion of the program the student will receive a certificate as a **FertilityCare Practitioner**.

Applicant Eligibility

Those eligible for the **FertilityCare Practitioner** Program are registered nurses with current licenses, allied health professionals with a BA or BS degree in health, behavioral sciences, social sciences, or education. Other non-health fields are also individually recognized. Also eligible are persons with associate degree/diploma such as: licensed practical nurse, human services practitioner, or the equivalent of two years of college study. Further eligibility criteria, that the applicant practices the **CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System** or, if single and celibate, monitor their natural fertility and be a philosophical acceptor of the System.

Costs and Fees

The cost for the entire program is \$2,750 for tuition and \$900 for books and materials fees. In addition, there are costs associated with an On Site Visit that will be conducted at the student's location during the second Practicum. These costs include travel and hotel room for one night for the student's Supervisor and are payable at the time of the site visit. In addition, there is a \$50 fee for the national standardized final exam.

The **FertilityCare Practitioner** Education Program of St. Joseph Hospital is accredited by the American Academy of **FertilityCare Professionals** and abides by its Standards. Upon completion of the Program our graduates will be eligible to apply for certification through the Academy. See www.aafcp.org

Also upon completion the student will be qualified to establish a program that can be an Affiliate of FertilityCare Centers of America. See www.fertilitycare.org

See www.creightonmodel.com for more information on the Creighton Model **FertilityCare System**.

Next class March 2 to 9, 2009

Mt Kisco, New York

*For information on room and board
please contact our local site host,*

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*Advanced educational materials, books and study guides
are sent to the student when they have been accepted into
the program.*

*It is recommended that this process begin as soon as
possible to allow the student the time needed to prepare
for Education Phase I.*

**For more information or for an
application please contact:**

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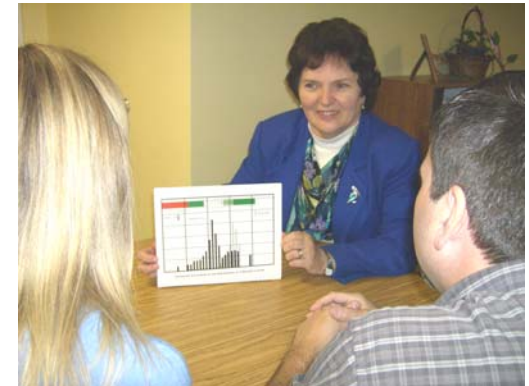
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FertilityCare PRACTITIONER

Become part of a team providing
Natural Procreative Choice for:

- Achieving Pregnancy
- Avoiding Pregnancy
- Procreative Wellness

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