

FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program

PROGRAM PURPOSE

To prepare those who wish to become a Creighton Model Practitioner with the necessary training; qualifying them to deliver the highest quality of Creighton Model Services.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

This program welcomes applications from those with strong motivation and commitment to the highest quality education services in FertilityCare. Those eligible include:

- Registered Nurses with current licenses
- Allied Health Professionals with a BA or BS degree in:
 - Health or Basic Sciences
 - Behavioral Sciences
 - Social Sciences
 - Education
 - Other non-health fields are individually recognized
- Associate Degree/Diploma such as:
 - Licenced Practical Nurse
 - Human Services Practitioner
 - Equivalent of two years college study

Further eligibility criteria requires applicants to practice the Creighton Model FertilityCare System or if celibate or post-menopausal, to be a philosophical acceptor and if possible, to monitor their cycle. It also requires commitment to adhere to the AAFCP Code of Ethics. This program recognizes that human sexuality is a function of the whole person and not just a function of its parts. It further recognizes the scriptural notation that we are “created in the image and likeness of God” and that such a philosophical principle ultimately dictates the approach to the human person that will come under the care of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System.

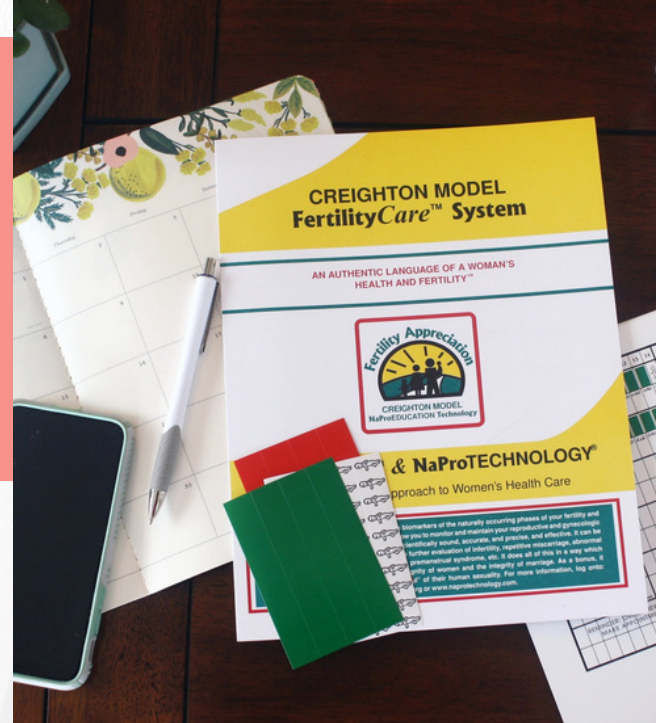
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PROGRAM DESIGN

This is a 13 month course of study incorporating two classroom instruction phases and supervised teaching experience.

EDUCATION PHASE I:

November 7-14, 2026

EDUCATION PHASE II:

May 2027 (dates tbd during EPI)

GULFPORT, FL

FACULTY

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The Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTechnology have been developed through research and education efforts coordinated and directed by Thomas Hilgers, MD, OB/GYN, CFCMC in Omaha, NE

ACCREDITATION:

This program has been approved for accreditation by the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals (AAFCP). It adheres to the Code of Ethics and provides students the educational background to become eligible for AAFCP certification.

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EDUCATION PHASE I: NOVEMBER 7-14, 2026

An eight-day total immersion course covering:

- History of Natural Family Planning
- Anatomy of Male & Female Reproductive Systems
- Menstrual Cycle: Statistical Parameters
- Anovulation and Oligoovulation
- Physiology of the Cervix
- Beginnings of Human Life
- Physiology of Breastfeeding and Menopause
- Natural Methods of Family Planning
- Investigation and Care of the Infertile Couple
- Teaching Fertility Appreciation
- Artificial Methods of Contraception
- Is Contraception Good Medicine
- Physical and Psychological Aspects of Induced Abortion
- Use Effectiveness of Natural and Artificial Methods of Family Planning
- Psychodynamics of Natural Family Planning
- Philosophical Attitudes on Family Life, Family Planning, and Unplanned Pregnancy
- Human Sexuality, Married Love and Fertility
- Importance of Standardized Teaching
- Conducting Follow-ups
- Forms for Record Keeping and Standardized Teaching
- Business Aspects of FertilityCare Providers
- Case Management Approach to Problem Solving
- Introduction to NaProTechnology

SUPERVISED PRACTICUM I:

A six-month faculty supervised teaching experience at the student's home location to develop basic skills.

EDUCATION PHASE II: MAY 2027 (DATES TBD)

A six-day course of advanced study consisting of lectures, group discussions and hands-on problem solving of advanced aspects of teaching the Creighton Model FertilityCare System.

Topics include:

- Management of Infertility, Chronic Discharges, Unusual Bleeding, and Continuous Discharges
- NaProTechnology
- Advanced Issues
- Pregnancy Evaluations
- Advanced Case Management, etc.
- Advanced Business Aspects

SUPERVISED PRACTICUM II:

Seven months in duration, this faculty supervised teaching experience includes an On-Site Visitation.

FINAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION:

All students are required to take a criterion referenced professionally administered final examination, which is proctored in their local practice area.

Note: Upon completion of the Education Program, a Practitioner must become an affiliate of or partipate in an affiliated center of the FertilityCare Practitioners of America to order Creighton Model client-teaching materials. Those living within a 4 hour drive of St Gianna Center are encouraged to join the Center as a Practitioner.

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COSTS

Application Fee: \$50 (non-refundable)

Tuition: \$4500

- Includes 13-month program - Education Phases I & II, Supervised Practicums I & II, Final Certification Exam Fees, Required Text Books and up to \$35 shipping fees/taxes (any fees exceeding this amount will be billed to the student)
- Deposit of \$500 is due at time of program acceptance. Remaining balance is payable at start of EPI.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

On-Site Visit during Supervised Practicum II: Supervisor transportation, lodging and meals will be billed to the student

Client Teaching Supplies: Estimated amount based on teaching the recommended number of clients is \$500 which can be reimbursable from client fees.

LODGING & MEALS FOR EDUCATION PHASES:

For out of town participants, St Gianna Center will assist students arranging lodging at a local AirBnb or VRBO property. This will be at student's expense. Historically, our students have been able to secure lodging for about \$125/student/day. Expect to arrive the day before Day 1 and depart the day after the final class day. (9 nights lodging for EP I and 7 nights lodging for EP II)

All participants are responsible for the cost of meals. Meals will be brought in by the St Gianna's Center staff and participants should anticipate a cost of approximately \$50/day to cover this expense. A refrigerator & microwave are available for those bringing food from home.

CLASS LOCATION

Education Phase I & II are held on the campus of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Gulfport, Florida. Daily mass and access to the parish gardens and church are available to students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships may be available to students living within a 4 hour drive of Gulfport Florida and are interested in continuing to work with SGC after the Education Program. Preference will given to students who are bi-lingual, English/Spanish. Please contact SGC Executive Director Becky Moultrie at becky@stgiannacenter.com for more information. For students outside this area, reach out to your local parish, Diocese or Knights of Columbus. St Gianna Center can offer guidance on making these requests.

INFORMATION & APPLICATION MATERIALS

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