

EDUCATION PROGRAM USA/EUROPE

BECOME A FERTILITYCARE TEACHER PRACTITIONER 13-month Program

“Creighton Model FertilityCare System Practitioner Program”

Program accredited by the “American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals” (AAFCP)

The course is taught in English only (lectures, books, exams).

There are no translators during the classes.

- Education phase I = EPI- 9 day total-immersion course

Where ? USA (Omaha –Nebraska) - *Always in October*
or **Europe** (different countries)

What? “User Manuel” + “Reproductive Anatomy & Physiology” + Book I (3 books in total)

Exams: Multiple choice (in English) in the middle and at the end of the session

Last day: Closing ceremony in the afternoon followed by closing banquet.

- Supervised Practicum I- 6months in duration

. You start teaching couples –

At least 6 couples before EPII.

You receive them in your home, or in a parish room, or in your hospital...

. You study and send your assignments each month (multiple choice in English) to your supervisor for correction

. Every month, you have a phone conversation (in English) with your supervisor

- Education phase II = EP II : 7 day course (6 months after EP1)

Where ? same place : **Omaha- Always in April**
or **Europe**

What ? Book II (+ review previous books)

Exam on the last day (multiple choice) followed by the closing ceremony and the closing banquet.

- Supervised Practicum II- 6months in duration

. You continue to teach couples- at least 12 new couples- which makes at least 18 couples in total before the On Site Visit.

. You study and send your assignments each month (multiple choice in English) to your Supervisor for correction

. Every month, you have a phone conversation (in English) with your supervisor

- On site visit at the student’s home location around the 9^e month:

In the presence of your Supervisor, you have to:

- . Give the Introductory Session in English to a couple or a person of your choice
 - slide show in English provided
- . Conduct a Follow-up with one of your couples (in English)
- . Give a Tour of Facilities
- . Review all your client files = Comprehensive Case Review (CCR)

- **Final exam** (Multiple choice in English): Taken in your own office or workplace.

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.

NB- You can also train as an “Instructor”: it is a shorter program (7 months instead of 13), essentially for Medical Consultants wishing to enrol in a combined Medical Consultant/Teacher Practitioner Program with a less comprehensive program on the FertilityCare System.

Eligibility:

Applications from individuals or couples with **strong motivation** and **commitment** to the **very highest quality educational services** in natural family planning are welcome.

1. **Registered nurse with current license**
2. **Allied health professionals with a BA or BS degree in:**
 - a. Health or basic sciences
 - b. Behavioral sciences
 - c. Social sciences
 - d. Education
 - e. Other non-health fields are also individually recognized
3. **Associate degree/diploma such as:**
 - a. Licensed Practical Nurse
 - b. Human Services Practitioner
 - c. Or, the equivalent of two years of college study
4. **Medical physicians with current license**
 - Who do not prescribe or refer for contraceptives
 - Who do not perform or refer for sterilization or abortion
5. **Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Nurse Midwife**
 - Who do not prescribe or refer for contraceptives
 - Who do not perform or refer for sterilization or abortion
6. **Pharmacist with current license**
 - Who do not dispense or refer for contraceptives
 - Who do not dispense or refer for sterilization or abortion

See: « Applicant eligibility » on this website: <http://www.popepaulvi.com/education.htm> (Click on Program Booklet)

Approximate cost of the entire program:

- Europe: Tuition fees:** about **2750 US \$**
- + **Books:** about **200 US \$**
 - + **Teaching material:** about **490 US \$**
 - + **Your own transportation** to the country hosting the program

(Education Phase I and II 6 months apart)

+ **Your own accommodation/ meals/ transportation**

+ **Classroom fees**

+ **The Faculty fee:** The educators' expenses (plane tickets + accommodation + meals + transportation) to be divided among all participants

+ **Fees covering the cost of the On Site Visit** by the student's Supervisor:

- Return plane ticket for the Supervisor coming from the USA (To be divided among all the students of the same country)
- Travel, hotel room for 1 or 2 nights and meals for the Supervisor (These costs are payable at the time of the site visit).

+ **Final certificate examination 50 US \$**

Optional: Request for a 3 Month Extension before taking the final exam 150 US \$

Find financial support:

- Find out if you are allowed a grant for continued education
- Ask some financial help from your parish, your bishop, Pro-Life people or organisations...