

# 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<sup>e</sup> 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.

**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#ae>

### 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
  - + Fee (to be determined) covering:
    - Classroom fees
    - The educators’ expenses (plane tickets + accommodation + meals + transportation) to be divided among all participants

- + Following year: 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 \$**

**USA:** Tuition fees and books → see <http://www.popepaulvi.com/education.htm>

- + Your 2 return plane tickets to the USA (Education Phase I and II 6 months apart)
- + Your own accommodation / meals / transportation
- + Following year: 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 student's 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 \$**

*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.*

### **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...

### **Curriculum:**

#### **EDUCATION PHASE I**

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 (SPII)** 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.

## **FINAL EXAM**

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 **Fertility*Care* Teacher Practitioner**.

**For a detailed information on the entire Program, see “Education Phase Booklet” on**  
[http://www.popepaulvi.com/PDF/EP%20Booklet\\_2010-2011\\_20100216.pdf](http://www.popepaulvi.com/PDF/EP%20Booklet_2010-2011_20100216.pdf)