

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Through research and education, Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, developed the **Creighton Model FertilityCare System** and the new women's health science of **NaProTechnology**. Dr. Hilgers is the founder and director of the Saint Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction. The Pope Paul VI Institute, founded in 1985, is internationally recognized for its outstanding achievements in the field of natural fertility regulation and reproductive medicine.

Catholic Diocese of Wichita FertilityCare Services is a part of the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Program and has a long-standing tradition of excellence in teaching. Students who train as FertilityCare Professionals attend the Education Program to learn to assist couples and women seeking a better understanding of their own fertility and to advocate for their gynecological health.



CONTINUED NURSING EDUCATION

Efforts are underway to provide Continued Nursing Education Credit for the entire course.

Faculty members do not financially benefit.

Help couples discover

What every couple needs to know, and what every woman has a right to know.

The **Creighton Model FertilityCare System** is highly effective, both to achieve and to postpone pregnancy and offers hope for couples who are experiencing infertility to achieve their dream of pregnancy, in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic Church, without artificial reproductive technologies.

The Creighton Model FertilityCare System provides comprehensive, professional services through individual follow-ups, standardized teaching tools and ongoing research. With its case management approach, the Creighton Model is a medically standardized Ovulation Method.

It is the only education program in this field that meets the educational demands of a newly emerging allied health profession.

To apply to the Education Program, please contact the Program Director

Program Director

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The application deadline is November 1, 2020

No applications will be accepted after November 1, 2020

Location for the Education Program:
The Spiritual Life Center
7100 E 45th St North



FertilityCare™ Services Diocese of Wichita

Practitioner Education Program



Education Phase I:
December 3-6 AND 10-13, 2020

Education Phase II:
June 4-6 AND 11-13, 2021

**Become a
FertilityCare Practitioner
and change the world!**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **FertilityCare™ Services Diocese of Wichita Practitioner Education Program** is a 13-month program that will prepare students to:

- Help couples understand their gifts of sexuality and fertility.
- Teach women and couples to navigate their fertility over their procreative lifetime.
- Provide comprehensive, professional and individualized family planning services.
- Assist infertile couples with achieving a pregnancy in a way that is natural and cooperative.
- Work in an allied health profession dedicated to ongoing research and development.

Course Structure

Only faculty certified and approved present the course in **two education phases** and **two supervised practicum**. Students also complete an onsite visit with their supervisor and take a final certificate examination.

Education Phase I (EPI) December 3-6 AND 10-13, 2020

Wichita, KS (The Spiritual Life Center)

EPI is an eight-day immersion course focused on basic teaching skills of the Creighton Model **FertilityCare™** System (CrMS). Topics include anatomy, physiology, contraception and NFP methods, chart reading and correcting, use of standardized tools, system instructions and techniques of follow up.

Supervised Practicum I (SPI) December 2020 - June 2021

Practitioner's home location

During SPI, students teach a minimum of six clients in their home location. Students work under the direction of a long-distance supervisor to develop basic teaching skills in the CrMS.

Education Phase II (EPII) June 4-6 AND 11-13, 2021

Wichita, KS (The Spiritual Life Center)

EPII is a six-day immersion course focused on advanced teaching skills of the CrMS. Topics include infertility, NaProTechnology, unusual bleeding, continuous mucus, pregnancies, advanced behavior issues and a client case review.

Supervised Practicum II (SPII) June 2021 - December 2021

Practitioner's home location

During SPII, students teach a minimum of 12 additional clients (for 18 clients during the 13-month program) in their home location. Students work under the direction of a supervisor to refine basic skills and develop advanced teaching skills in the CrMS.

On-Site Visit (OSV)

July 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021

Practitioner's home location

During the On-Site Visit (OSV), the supervisor travels to the student's home location for two days to evaluate the student's teaching skills and conduct a

Final Certificate Exam

November 2021

In order to become an independent **FertilityCare™** Practitioner, students take a final certificate examination upon completion of all program requirements.

Accreditation and Affiliation

The **FertilityCare™ Services Diocese of Wichita Practitioner Education Program**, accredited by the American Academy of **FertilityCare™** Professionals (AAFCP), and provides students with necessary education for certification from the AAFCP.

Application Deadline and Qualifications

Please contact the Program Director to apply to the Education Program.

**The application deadline is November 1, 2020
No Applications accepted after this date**

The **FertilityCare™ Services Diocese of Wichita Practitioner Education Program** welcomes applications from individuals with a strong motivation and commitment to exceptional **FertilityCare™ Services**. Class size is limited and early submission of an application will allow adequate study time of the advance books and materials.

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Prospective Practitioners must meet one of the following criteria:

- Registered Nurse with current license
- Individual with a BA or BS degree
- Associate degree/diploma, such as:
Licensed Practical Nurse; Human Services Practitioner or the equivalent of two years of college study

Further eligibility criteria requires that the applicant does not prescribe or refer for contraceptives, does not perform or refer for sterilization or abortion, practices (uses) natural family planning or, if single and celibate, monitors their natural fertility and is a philosophical acceptor of natural family planning.

COURSE FEES

All tuition costs are due upon entry into the program. A \$250 tuition deposit is required to secure your enrollment in the class. Scholarships are available for CDOW Practitioner Interns. Please contact the Director for information.

Costs for the program:

Application Fee \$25
Tuition : \$2,500
Textbooks: \$585
Facility and Meals Fee: \$1,800

Practitioners may also incur the following costs:

On-Site Visit during SPII-travel expenses and one night hotel for supervisor if not in Wichita.
Client supplies (Approximate cost \$450 if starting new Center; reimbursable through client fees)
Room and Board during the education phases.
Accommodations available at the Spiritual Life Center.