Become a Lamaze TM Certified Childbirth Educator

Lamaze™ Childbirth Educator Program
(Lamaze™ is a Trademark of Lamaze International)

Offered by the University of South Florida
College of Public Health
Brochure at: www.usf.edu/publichealth/conted/
Lamaze™ International at www.lamaze.org

Why Lamaze™ Certification?

The Lamaze™ mission is to promote normal, natural, healthy and fulfilling childbearing experiences for women and their families through education, advocacy and reform. Our mission is accomplished through:

• Education - Enhancing the knowledge and skills of women, families, and professionals through education and certification.
• Advocacy - Strengthening the voice of women and their families to speak on their own behalf.
• Reform - Transforming the birth culture by fostering those attitudes in society that enable families to have a positive birth, breastfeeding and parenting experience.

For over 40 years, Lamaze International™ has educated and certified childbirth educators in the United States and Canada and has positioned the childbirth educator as a unique and recognized professional in the perinatal health care field.

Lamaze International™ certification demonstrates to consumers, professional colleagues and employers that you have specialized knowledge and skills as a childbirth educator, and are prepared to offer high quality education programs to childbearing women and their families. As a Lamaze™ Certified Childbirth Educator (LCCE) you may become a fellow in the American Academy of Childbirth Educators (FACCE) and take your place as a leader in effecting positive change in the delivery of childbirth education, family-centered maternity care, and parent/consumer awareness.

Lamaze International™ is an approved provider of continuing education for registered nurses through the Virginia Nurses Association, which is accredited by the Eastern Regional Accrediting Committee of the American Nurses Association and through the California Board of Registered Nurses.

Admission Criteria

• Registered Nurse with a current license, or
• Graduate of a recognized institution of higher education with a baccalaureate or higher degree (which included a successful completion of a supervised practicum, social work internship, health education special project, or student teaching).

Program Requirements: Application Phase

• Read this brochure in its entirety
• Call the following number or E-mail to address any questions you might have: Call Dianne Veatch, Program Manager, at 813-685-3092 or E-mail questions directly to Dianne Veatch at dveatch@tampabay.rr.com
• Complete the application form in this brochure, enclose the $55 application fee payable to USF MSSC as noted on the form. Mail payment and completed application to the address on the form.

Program Requirements: Acceptance and Enrollment Phase

• Your application is reviewed and you are notified of your acceptance status.
• Once accepted, you will receive an invoice for the $750 enrollment fee. Requests for scheduled payment plans will be entertained, but all fees must be complete by the beginning of the three and ½ day seminar.
• Your Enrollment Fee includes the cost of the Study Guide, which will be ordered by the managers of this program and sent to you from the Lamaze International™ office in Washington, DC.

The Application Fee is $55 and the Enrollment fee is $750 as of the printing of this brochure (September, 2000)
Program Requirements: Education Phase

Pre-Seminar Phase - 3 Months Minimum

1. Observation of 3 labors and births
   a. Submit a report on each birth according to the guidelines that will be sent upon acceptance to the program. Reports must be submitted to the Program Manager at least one month prior to the start date of the Seminar described below.
   b. Observation of at least one complete series (12-hour minimum) of Lamaze™ classes. These classes must be taught by a Lamaze™ Certified Childbirth Educator.
   c. Study of the Candidate Guide in its entirety. The Guide is sent to you at the address on your application form upon acceptance to the program.
   d. Obtain the following two books for study and review.
      iii. Sources:
         (1) www.lamaze.org
         (2) www.amazon.com

Seminar Phase - 3 and ½ day Seminar

1. Seminars take place in the Tampa Bay area or at any location that is convenient for the majority of the Candidates registered as ready to attend the seminar. One or two seminars are scheduled in the Tampa Bay area annually.

2. The content includes:
   a. Theory and principles of Lamaze™ Method
   b. Teaching strategies related to the Lamaze™ Teaching Method
   c. Teaching / learning theory and models
   d. Professional role of the childbirth educator
   e. Course development

3. A 75-item, multiple choice exam is given at the start of the seminar. Its purpose is to assist the Candidate and Instructor to identify strengths and weaknesses in learning in order to better use the Seminar to prepare for the final certification exam. This is a learning tool and a Candidate’s score does not influence status in the program.

4. The seminar is accredited as follows:
   a. Florida Board of Nursing: The University of South Florida College of Public Health is an approved provider (#27U1038) of continuing Nursing Education. This program meets the Board of Nursing requirements for up to 30, 50-minute hours.
   b. Florida Board of Licensed Clinical Social Work, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy, and Licensed Mental Health Counseling. The University of South Florida College of Public Health is an approved provider (CM-507-Ex.1/01) of continuing education credit for clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling. This program has been reviewed and approved for up to 30, 50-minute hours.
   c. Please call the office at 813-974-6695 to check on the status of other accreditations in which you are interested. It is most helpful to call immediately upon acceptance to Candidacy to allow time for applications to be submitted.

Post-Seminar Phase - 4 Months Minimum

1. Course Design
   a. The Candidate will write the syllabus for his/her own course for future implementation. This is a critical and time-consuming part of the certification process.
   b. The syllabus must be submitted for evaluation 10 weeks prior to the Certification Exam.

2. Student Teaching
   a. The Candidate is to arrange to teach an entire Lamaze™ Course series under the supervision of a Lamaze™ Certified Childbirth Educator.

Certification Phase

1. Upon successful completion of the education phase of the program, the Candidate is eligible to register to take the Lamaze International™ certification exam.

2. The fee to register to take the exam is an additional $225 (at the time of this printing) and payable directly to Lamaze International™ in Washington, DC.

3. When the Candidate passes the exam, she/he will be certified as a Lamaze International™ Certified Childbirth Educator and may use the following credentials, LCCE.

4. To maintain this certification, the LCCE must obtain 24 Lamaze International™ accredited continuing education hours every 24 months.
Payment Information

Fees: The non-refundable application fee of $55 must accompany the application form. Upon acceptance to the program, you will be invoiced for the enrollment fee of $750.00. The registration fee includes the Lamaze International™ study guide that will be sent directly to the address on the registration form, attendance at the 3 and ½ day seminar, and review of your submitted syllabus. A payment plan may be extended upon request.

Cancellation: The registration fee is refundable, minus a $25 processing fee if the request for refund is received within 30 days of receipt of the payment. After that time, any requests for refund will be charged a $200 administrative fee minus the cost of actual materials provided. Once a Candidate has attended the Seminar, no refunds will be allowed.

Payments: Credit card payments will be accepted – only Visa and MasterCard can be processed. Checks should be made payable to USF Medical Services Support Corporation or USF MSSC. FEIN: 59-2944683. Registration accompanied by a purchase order with a valid PO number will also be accepted.

Program Faculty

Elaine Zwelling, RN, PHD, LCCE, FACCE
Director of the Childbirth Educator Program at the University of South Florida, is an author, consultant, and speaker in the fields of perinatal education and parent-newborn nursing. Dr. Zwelling has over 30 years of experience working with expectant parents. She is a member of the national faculty of Lamaze International™.

Dianne Veatch, RN, BSN, LCCE, FACCE, IBCLC
Program Manager of the Childbirth Educator program at the University of South Florida. She has over 30 years of experience working with expectant and new parents as a nurse, childbirth educator, and lactation consultant.

For More Information

About the content of the program:
Contact Dianne Veatch
• By E-mail at dveatch@tampabay.rr.com
• At home at 813-685-3092

About registration:
Contact Jennie Genz or Ginger Phillips
• By E-mail at conted@hsc.usf.edu
• At the College of Public Health at 813-974-6695
• Toll-Free at 888-USF-COPH or 888-873-2674 and press “2” for Continuing Education
• FAX 813-974-7860

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Please keep a copy for your records... You may computer-generate this form...

Name: ________________________________________________________________ Degrees: ________________________________

Q Work Q Home Address: ______________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________ Zip: ______________________

Dayphone: ( ) FAX: ( ) Home: ( )

E-mail: _____________________________________________________________________

The best way to contact me is: Q Phone during the following hours: ________________________

Q FAX Q E-mail Which phone? Q Home Q Dayphone

Social Security Number: __________________________ Birth Date: __________________________

If you are a Registered Nurse, in what state: ____________ License Number: __________________________

Q I have attached a copy of my license or will fax it to 813-974-7860

Check here if you require accommodation of a disability and you will be contacted: Q

Education: List colleges or professional institutions attended. Applicants who are not registered nurses should have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree which included a social work internship, health-related practicum, or student teaching (or list years of professional experience in one of these areas). Have an official transcript sent to the address for registration information above.

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Q I have requested the official transcript to be sent. I understand that this application cannot be considered complete nor completely evaluated until official transcripts have been received.

Have you ever attended a childbirth education course?

As a Q Participant Q Observer Q Prospective Parent

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Have you ever taught classes for expectant parents? Q Yes Q No

Have you ever assisted in teaching a class for expectant parents? Q Yes Q No

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List your last two employment positions with the most recent first:

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List your OB experience. Specify whether clinical or academic:

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List your teaching experience with the present or most recent first. Include practicum or educational programs:

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List volunteer experiences, professional memberships, or other information you consider relevant. If you wish, you may attach a copy of your resume.

Q Resume attached

Names of Lamaze International™ Certified Teachers in your area:

Applicant’s Statement: On a separate sheet of paper, briefly state your reason(s) for seeking certification as a teacher of the Lamaze™ Method of Childbirth. Indicate why you believe you would make a good teacher. Please limit to one page.

Q Attached

Applicant’s Signature: ________________________________

Mail with payment of $55 Payable to: USF Medical Services Support Corporation Program # 428 or USF MSSC # 428
FEIN: 59-2944683
Or you may pay by credit card: Q VISA Q MasterCard
Card Number: ________________
Print Cardholder Name: ____________________________ Expiration Date: ________________
Cardholder Signature: _____________________________

Mail to: Continuing Education Office, USF Health Sciences Center, USF College of Public Health MDC 56, 12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa FL 33612-4799. Credit card applications may be faxed to 813-974-7860.

The expense of Continuing Education, when taken to maintain and improve professional skills, is often tax deductible. Please check with your accountant or tax advisory for complete details.
Become a Certified Childbirth Educator!

Are you a .......................................................... registered nurse
...................................... do you have a college degree in a related field?

This program has many advantages

<   Self-paced
<   Study and prepare in your own community
<   It is the Premier Childbirth Educator Program

The Lamaze™ Childbirth Educator Program is self-paced in your own community, with one 3 ½ day seminar at the University of South Florida College of Public Health.

Pre-seminar requirements include:
T   Self-study
T   Childbirth course observations
T   Labor and birth observations

Post-seminar requirements include:
T   Preparing a course syllabus for your own teaching
T   Student teaching and practice