



NFP Teacher Training Program Renewal of Approval

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Instructions: This form correlates to the Standards for Diocesan NFP Ministry, Section IV, "Standards for NFP Teacher Training Programs." Please note under Program Management, (F-1) the need to submit a new Form B to document any changes made to your client/couple education curriculum.

Check "YES" or "NO" to indicate if there have been changes in your NFP teacher training curriculum over the last five years. Submit the appropriate documentation per each revision.

YES NO

A. Philosophy and Church Teaching

B. Natural Family Planning Methodology:

YES NO

1. Historical overview of the natural methods of family planning.

YES NO

2. Scientific effectiveness of NFP.

YES NO

3. Male/female reproductive anatomy and physiology and basic information on the prenatal development of the human person.

YES NO

4. Fertility signs, including the role of basal body temperature, cervical mucus, cervical changes, and other symptoms of the female fertility cycle.

YES NO

5. Observing, charting and interpreting the sign(s) of fertility appropriate to the specific NFP methodology.

YES NO

6. Instructions on achieving and avoiding pregnancy, including the teaching of abstinence from genital contact and sexual intercourse during the fertile phase of the cycle as the NFP means of avoiding pregnancy.

YES NO

7. Instruction on all phases of the reproductive life cycle and special circumstances.

YES NO

8. Instruction on follow-up procedures and couple/client autonomy.

YES NO

C. Education about contraception, sterilization, abortion, and reproductive technologies.

D. Marriage & Family Life Education

YES NO

1. The couple/client's need for communication, growth in their marital relationship, and the integration of periodic abstinence into their lives.

YES NO

2. Information on current trends in marriage, family life, and fertility in American society.

E. Teaching and Communication Skills

- YES NO 1. An understanding of the proper role and limitations of the NFP teacher, emphasizing the need for ongoing self-evaluation;
- YES NO 2. Basic communication and problem-solving skills, as well as the ability to recognize when to make referrals and the process for doing so;
- YES NO 3. Compassion, tact, discretion, confidentiality, and patience in teaching and follow-up;
- YES NO 4. Principles of the teaching/learning process, and characteristics of the adult learner;
- YES NO 5. Use of a variety of educational and class planning strategies;

F. Program Management

- YES NO 1. A couple/client education program that includes the items under *The Standards for Diocesan NFP Ministry, Section III. (Please complete only the sections of Form B, Client/Couple Education Assessment, where revisions have been made.)*
- YES NO 2. Rationales and instruction for record keeping, confidentiality, and program management;
- YES NO 3. Promotion of cooperation with diocesan NFP programs and the NFP Program of the USCCB;
- YES NO 4. Information on strategies for recruiting clients, community outreach, and public relations.

G. Faculty and Facilities

- YES NO 1. Faculty who are competent in their area of expertise (*please attach faculty resumes*);
- YES NO 2. Experienced certified NFP teachers with current knowledge of the NFP method(s);
- YES NO 3. Facilities that include comfortable learning environment, appropriate audio-visual equipment; or in distance learning, formats or a process for timely feedback to and support of the teacher trainee.

H. Teacher Evaluation

- YES NO 1. Administration of objective tests and other appropriate means that evaluate the trainees' knowledge of NFP and their ability to apply it to specific client situations;
- YES NO 2. A Supervised Practicum consisting of
- YES NO a) an assigned supervisor to the teacher candidate
- YES NO b) the teacher candidate teaching at least six couples/clients, in various reproductive circumstances, with follow-up until the clients reach autonomy
- YES NO c) ongoing guidance, assessment, evaluation, and documentation of the teacher candidate's progress by the supervisor.

I. Teacher Training Program Evaluation

- YES NO 1. Periodic evaluation of the curriculum by the faculty;
- YES NO 2. Evaluation of the teacher/learning process by the teacher candidates.

Additional Comments:

(Signature)

(Date)

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