Prenatal Classes
Family Centered Maternity Care
January – December 2020

NorthShore University HealthSystem
Registering for events is now faster and easier than ever!

Visit us at northshore.org/calendar to view all the Childbirth & Parenting classes offered by NorthShore University HealthSystem. Once you’ve found the classes that you are interested in attending, follow these simple steps to reserve your place:

1. Click the “enroll” button at the bottom of the event description.

2. Add the first and last names of each participant attending the class.

3. Click “register” to add this class to your “shopping cart.”

4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 to add additional classes or proceed to the check-out screen.

5. Finally, after entering your contact and credit card information, click “submit” to reserve your spot in all of the classes selected.

Once you are finished registering for classes online, you will receive an email confirmation. Please refer to this email for any special instructions or billing questions you may have.
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Class Locations

BG  Sky Fitness
    1501 Busch Parkway Buffalo Grove, IL

EAC  Evanston Athletic Club
    1729 N. Benson Avenue, Evanston, IL

EH  Evanston Hospital
    2650 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL

GB  Glenbrook Hospital
    2180 Pfingsten Road, Glenview, IL

GPD  Glenview Park District
    NorthShore University HealthSystem at Park Center
    2400 Chestnut Avenue, Glenview, IL

HPH  Highland Park Hospital,  
    777 Park Avenue West, Highland Park, IL

For class dates, times and registration information visit northshore.org/calendar.
Babies…
Beautiful Beginnings

We know this is an exciting time in your life as you prepare for your baby’s arrival. NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) offers a comprehensive prenatal education program for expectant parents so they can have all the information and support they need to care for their new baby.

Please review our class brochure to find resources that are available in your community. To register for a class or an event please visit us online at northshore.org/calendar or to register by phone, call Physician Referral at (847) 570-5020.

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Classes To Attend

Early in Pregnancy, First or Second Trimester

Therapeutic Massage During Pregnancy

Massage during pregnancy may help relieve many of the common muscular discomforts of pregnancy. NorthShore University HealthSystem offers a massage therapist specially certified in pregnancy massage. 
For appointments, call The Park Center in Glenview at (847) 657-3540.

Physical Therapy During Pregnancy

For pregnancy symptoms, such as upper or lower back pain, pelvic pain, or sciatica, physical therapy can be very helpful. Treatment often includes manual therapy and specifically prescribed exercises. This is generally covered by insurance, but a prescription from your physician is needed. Physical therapists with specialized training in treating pregnant and postpartum women are available in most NorthShore outpatient physical therapy clinics.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (847) 444-1310.

For class dates, times and registration information visit northshore.org/calendar.
Nutrition Therapy Services

Registered dietitians teach individuals or families how to maintain a healthy diet during pregnancy and after birth. Generally, an individual one-hour session is offered. Priority appointments are available for women with gestational diabetes. For more information or to schedule an appointment with a dietitian, please call (847) 926-6800.

Multiples

Expecting more than one baby? This is the class for you. A registered nurse will discuss the special physical and emotional needs associated with a multiple pregnancy and a pediatrician will share the unique aspects of caring for multiples while in the hospital and at home. Birth films of moms delivering multiples will be shown.

EH Wednesday 7–9:30 p.m. Mar 11, Jul 22, Oct 28

For class dates, times and registration information visit northshore.org/calendar.

In today’s world of complicated financial decisions, we want to give you the opportunity to see things a bit more clearly. Experiencing a life-changing event such as the birth of a child is a good time to evaluate your objectives. In this interactive class we will discuss setting goals, budgeting, saving for college and identifying insurance needs, as well as planning for retirement. Take advantage of this class and become more confident in making important decisions now and throughout your financial life. Class is taught by a financial planner.

EH Wednesday 7–8:30 p.m.
Jan 15, May 6, Sep 23

For the most up-to-date information on class times, locations and session start dates, or to register for classes, visit: northshore.org/classes or call (847) 570-5020.
Moving into Motherhood Seminar
This is a fun and educational one-time 2 hour seminar. This class is appropriate for pregnant women in 2nd and 3rd trimesters. Class components include:

- Most appropriate exercise according to research
- Core and abdominal strength especially for moms
- Pelvic floor exercises to treat and prevent incontinence (NOT just Kegels)
- How to lift, carry and exercise with baby without hurting yourself
- Exercises to avoid during and immediately after pregnancy
- Various labor and delivery positions especially for moms with certain types of back and pelvic pain
- Fun and useful exercises to do with your baby

If you have questions regarding this class, please call Amy Terpstra, PT, at (847) 570-7118.

For class dates, times and registration information visit northshore.org/calendar.
The ABC’s of Pregnancy and Parenting

The ABC’s of Pregnancy and Parenting is a five-session series specially designed to meet the needs and concerns of young moms-to-be (under the age of 22) who plan to deliver at Evanston or Highland Park Hospitals. The group is led by a social worker and a nurse. Prepare for parenting by learning about pregnancy, labor, birth, postpartum, and infant care. Bring a support person or come on your own. Please call (847) 570-4717 for more information and to register. No charge, dinner is provided.

Baby and Bowser

For expectant, new and adoptive parents and childcare providers. When your baby comes home, your dog’s life will change too. Learn how to peacefully prepare yourselves and your dog for the adjustment. Class is taught by a Certified Dog Trainer. Please leave dogs at home.

EH Tuesday 7–9 p.m. Mar 10
Thursday 7–9 p.m. Jul 30, Oct 29

Countdown to Labor and Delivery

This class presents a variety of topics to prepare you for having your baby. Topics include guidelines for coming to the hospital, pain relief options and warning signs during pregnancy. This class does not replace a prepared childbirth class.

EH Thursday 7–9 p.m. Apr 2, Jul 2, Oct 1
HPH Tuesday 6–8 p.m. Jan 28, Sep 29

For class dates, times and registration information visit northshore.org/calendar.
Preparing for Childbirth

This series of classes prepares mom and her labor partner for the labor and delivery process. Content includes basics about labor and delivery, as well as comfort measures, coping strategies, relaxation and breathing techniques. This class discusses the use of medications during labor with an explanation of what types are available. Birth videos will be shown. Taught by Lamaze-Certified Childbirth Educators.

Please bring two pillows and a blanket or exercise mat to class. An optional tour is included. Couples are encouraged to complete the series at least three weeks prior to their due date. Class meets for three consecutive weeks on the following dates:

Three-Week Evening Series

EH
Monday
6:30–9:30 p.m.
Jan 6, 13, 27
Mar 9, 16, 23
May 4, 11, 18
Jul 13, 20, 27
Sep 14, 21, Oct 5
Nov 2, 9, 16
Feb 3, 10, 17
Apr 6, 13, 20
Jun 1, 8, 15
Aug 10, 17, 24
Oct 12, 19, 26
Dec 7, 14, 21

HPH
Wednesday
6:30–9:30 p.m.
Feb 5, 12, 19
Jun 3, 10, 17
Oct 8, 15, 22
Apr 15, 22, 29
Aug 12, 19, 26
Dec 2, 9, 16

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Preparing for Childbirth Weekend Workshop

This class condenses the standard course into a two-day program. Space is limited, so couples are encouraged to make reservations as far in advance as possible. Please bring two pillows and a blanket or exercise mat to class. An optional tour will follow. **It is suggested that couples complete the series approximately three weeks before the due date.**

**EH**  
Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

| Jan 4 & 5 | Jan 11 & 12 | Jan 25 & 26 |
| Feb 1 & 2 | Feb 8 & 9   | Feb 15 & 16 |
| Mar 7 & 8 | Mar 14 & 15 | Mar 28 & 29 |
| Apr 4 & 5 | Apr 18 & 19 | Apr 25 & 26 |
| May 2 & 3 | May 16 & 17 | May 30 & 31 |
| Jun 6 & 7 | Jun 13 & 14 | Jun 27 & 28 |
| Jul 11 & 12 | Jul 18 & 19 | Jul 25 & 26 |
| Aug 8 & 9 | Aug 22 & 23 | Aug 29 & 30 |
| Sep 12 & 13 | Sep 26 & 27 |
| Oct 10 & 11 | Oct 17 & 18 | Oct 24 & 25 |
| Nov 7 & 8 | Nov 14 & 15 | Nov 21 & 22 |
| Dec 5 & 6 | Dec 12 & 13 | Dec 19 & 20 |

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Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

| Jan 11 & 12 | Jan 25 & 26 | Feb 8 & 9 |
| Mar 7 & 8 | Mar 28 & 29 | Apr 18 & 19 |
| May 9 & 10 | May 30 & 31 | Jun 13 & 14 |
| Jul 11 & 12 | Jul 25 & 26 | Aug 22 & 23 |
| Sep 12 & 13 | Oct 3 & 4 | Oct 24 & 25 |
| Nov 7 & 8 | Nov 21 & 22 | Dec 12 & 13 |

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Expectations for Your Hospital Stay/Tour

This important class is designed to help prepare you for your hospital experience. It’s a great opportunity to get acquainted with our facilities, so you’ll know what to expect. Topics include: common birthing options, postpartum guidelines and visitation procedures. (Please, no children.) Advance registration is required.

EH  Jan 7, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11,  
Tuesday  Mar 3, 17, 31, Apr 7, 14, 28,  
7–8:30 p.m.  May 5, 19, 26, Jun 9, 30,  
           Jul 14, 21, Aug 4, 25, Sept 1, 22,  
           Oct 6, 13, 27, Nov 17, 24,  
           Dec 1, 15, 22  

Wednesday  Mar 25, Apr 22, Jun 3, Jul 8, 29,  
7–8:30 p.m  Aug 12, Sep 9, 30, Nov 11, Dec 9  

Saturday  Jun 6, Aug 1, Oct 24, Dec 19  
10:30 a.m.–noon  

Saturday  Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21, Apr 18,  
1–2:30 p.m.  May 9, Jun 6, Jul 18, Aug 1,  
           Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 7, Dec 19  

HPH  Jan 8, 29, Feb 12, 26, Mar 4, 25,  
Wednesday  Apr 1, 29, May 6, 27, Jun 10, 24,  
7:15–8:30 p.m.  Jul 8, 29, Aug 5, 26, Sept 2, 23,  
                 Oct 7, 28, Nov 4, 18, Dec 16, 30  

Saturday  Jan 18, Feb 22, Mar 14, Apr 25,  
10–11:15 a.m.  May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15,  
                Sep 12, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 5
Brothers and Sisters at Delivery

For families who would like their children to be present at the delivery of a new sibling, this is the perfect preparation. The class is offered on an individual basis and is appropriate for children ages four and over. Please schedule this class two months prior to your due date. (Class available only at Evanston Hospital.) For more information and registration, call (847) 570-1843.
The Adventure Begins: Caring For Newborns

This essential two-part series builds confidence in new parents by focusing on the physical, emotional and developmental needs of the newborn.

Session I: The Adventure Begins—Baby Care Basics

“A must for first-time parents.” That’s what past students have said about this “hands on” class that covers all the basics—bathing, diaper changing, cord care, circumcision care, temperature-taking and signs of illness. Adoptive parents are welcome.

Session II: The Adventure Begins—Understanding Newborns

This class is designed to expand the information learned in Baby Care Basics. A registered nurse and/or physician will discuss appearance and behavior of the newborn. Topics of common interest for expectant parents include: infant development, immunizations, well baby/sick visits with the pediatrician, hospital procedures and choosing a pediatrician for your baby.
To register for the two-part series, select one date from Session I – Baby Care Basics and the corresponding date in Session II – Understanding Newborns. Please plan to attend both sessions within the same month. There is no need to register separately for the second session.

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Happiest Baby

Are you ready to be a parent? New babies are a blessing, but they can bring with them sleepless nights, crying and often quite a bit of extra stress. In our Happiest Baby class, new and expectant parents will learn step-by-step how to help their baby sleep longer and how to soothe even the fussiest baby in minutes… or less! Our class is based on the highly effective new approach to babies pioneered by Harvey Karp, MD, author of *The Happiest Baby on the Block*. This class is best for expectant parents planning ahead, but also perfect for new parents looking for some tools to help comfort their baby!

Class cost includes a Parent Kit (*The Happiest Baby on the Block* DVD and *Soothing Sounds* CD—a $40 value). Taught by a certified Happiest Baby Educator.

HPH Tuesday 6–8 p.m. Feb 25, May 5, Jun 30, Aug 4, Dec 1

Wednesday 6–8 p.m. Oct 14

For class dates, times and registration information visit [northshore.org/calendar](http://northshore.org/calendar).
Baby Sleep 101

Presented in a concise format where specific questions can be answered. The two-hour class will give parents all the information they need to formulate their own plan that fits their parenting style, family dynamic and individual baby to achieve a good night’s sleep for the whole family. Parents will walk away feeling like their baby’s personal sleep guru. This technique is geared for babies over 12 weeks of life. This class does not take the place of Happiest Baby on the Block which focuses on soothing techniques for infants in the first 12 weeks of life.

HPH  Monday  Jan 13, Mar 16, May 4, 7–9 p.m.  Jul 13, Sep 14, Nov 9
Breastfeeding Classes
This comprehensive program for the expectant mother and partner (grandparents and other support persons are also invited) provides current, research-based information to help you breastfeed your baby.

Breastfeeding Basics
This class gives you all the information you will need to begin to breastfeed your baby. Topics include benefits of breastfeeding for mother and infant, prenatal preparation, how the breast functions, initiating breastfeeding and establishing an adequate milk supply, prevention of soreness and nutrition for the breastfeeding mother.

EH Tuesday 6:30–9 p.m. Jan 14, Mar 24, Apr 21, May 12, Jun 16, Jul 28, Dec 8
EH Sunday 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Feb 23, Aug 16, Sep 20, Oct 4, Nov 1
HPH Thursday 7–9:30 p.m. Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 6, Sep 10, Oct 1, Nov 12, Dec 17

Double Blessings: Breastfeeding Your Twins
HPH Thursday 7–9:30 p.m. Jan 23, Apr 30, Jul 23, Oct 29

For class dates, times and registration information visit northshore.org/calendar.
Post-Partum Breastfeeding Support Group
This support group meets every Thursday (except major holidays) from 10–11 a.m. at Evanston Hospital in Room 1602. A lactation consultant will facilitate this support group to answer questions and address concerns building confidence in the breastfeeding mother. Come join other new mothers in a friendly, relaxed setting. No fee to attend, but registration is necessary. For additional information or lactation consultations, please call (847) 570-2414.

Expectant Grandparents
Grandparents are invited to attend a class designed specifically with them in mind. Changes in obstetrical and baby care practices and ways to support their children in the parenting role are discussed. The class also explores ways to make the grandparent role special for all family members involved. Hospital tour is included.

EH  Wednesday  7–9 p.m.  Feb 12, Aug 26
HPH Tuesday  6–8 p.m.  Mar 31, Nov 3

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Daddy U

This class is designed specifically for dads-to-be. Join a group of dads to learn about this brand new role you will soon experience. In this class experienced fathers work with the “in-coming class” discussing the changes and stresses involved in becoming a father. Information you can trust is essential. Topics of importance to fathers are discussed and dads talk openly about their experiences and what’s on their minds. Dads learn from each other as they share parenting wisdom building confidence in the expectant father.

We suggest expectant fathers attend one session before the baby is born. We encourage both dad and baby to attend another class at least 8 weeks after the baby’s birth. Since dads and their babies attend on a volunteer basis, we cannot guarantee that each class will have babies present. Both dad and babies attend second class free of charge. This class does not replace Baby Care Basics.

EH Saturday Mar 21, May 9, Jul 18, Sep 26, Nov 7
10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

For class dates, times and registration information visit northshore.org/calendar.
Infant Safety and CPR

Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) follows the guidelines of the American Heart Association for the “Friends and Family” program. This class teaches CPR skills intended for babies from birth to age one. Class size is limited, so plan to register early. (Please no children.) We require a two-week notice to cancel or reschedule a class. Classes begin promptly at scheduled times. This is not a certification class.

EH  Wednesday 7–9 p.m.  Jan 8, 22, Feb 5, Mar 4, 18, Apr 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27, Jun 10, Jul 1, 15, Aug 5, 19, Sep 2, 16, Oct 7, 21, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 16

HPH  Tuesday 6–8 p.m.  Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3, 24, Apr 7, 28, May 12, Jun 2, Jul 7, 28, Aug 11, Sep 1, 22, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8

For the most up-to-date information on class times, locations and session start dates, or to register for classes, visit: northshore.org/classes or call (847) 570-5020.
For More Information

Registration: Due to space limitations, advance registration is required for all classes. We can not accommodate walk-ins.

To Register: We have registration and payment available at northshore.org/calendar for your convenience

OR

Call (847) 570-5020.

A confirmation letter and map will be sent to you with the exact room location of each class for which you register.

Refund Policy: Refunds will be made for cancellations due to medical reasons or cancellations made a minimum of two weeks before your class date.

To speak with an educator regarding a class, please call the following numbers:

Evanston Hospital (EH) (847) 570-1843
Highland Park Hospital (HPH) (847) 480-3909

For registration information, please log on to northshore.org/calendar or call (847) 570-5020.
At NorthShore, we’re not just here for you now.

We’re helping you be ready for what’s next.

Evanston Hospital
2650 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Highland Park Hospital
777 Park Avenue West
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

For physician referral information, visit northshore.org or call (847) 570-5020.