

Great Expectations

Pregnancy, Birth & Parenting

Offering
in-person
& online
classes

July-December 2026

Birth Center Tours

Breastfeeding

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CenteringPregnancy® Healthcare

Childbirth Preparation

Infant Massage

Outpatient Lactation Program

Pain Relief & Labor

Parenting & Baby Care

Self-Care & Prenatal Exercise

Support Groups

Class Packages

Designed to provide a continuum of educational and support services to prepare you and your partner for pregnancy, birth, and parenting.

Contact us at (415) 514-2670 for more information or to sign up for classes.

We're always happy to talk with you.

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*Scan to visit our site for additional resources,
webinars, updates and to register online.*





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Classes fill up, sign up early!

Great Expectations Classes 2026

"You were such a wonderful resource for us when we were expecting and after our child was born---from the tour of the facilities--to checking in at the lactation clinic--thank you! A friend is looking for prenatal care and I have been singing the praises of UCSF..."

-UCSF Great Expectations participant



Before Delivery-Prenatal

Childbirth

Childbirth Preparation: Integrated Methods

You'll receive an overview of the stages and process of labor, breathing and relaxation techniques, support, medication options, variations in labor including cesarean birth, and immediate postpartum care for mother and baby.

Fee: \$190 per series, 4 classes in a series, 6:00-8:30 pm

Childbirth Preparation: Intensive

A one-day workshop designed to give participants the basic tools and information for preparing for birth. Childbirth Preparation: Integrated Methods class in an accelerated format.

Fee: \$200, Weekend 2-part class, Sat & Sun 9:30 am-1:00 pm

All day class, 9:30 am-5:00 pm, Sat or Sun

Please bring two pillows and a blanket or beach towel

Pain Relief & Labor

Medical pain relief options for labor & delivery. UCSF Anesthesiologist will address concerns or questions.

You will learn what medication (pharmacological) options are available to assist you during labor.

Fee: No charge, One session, 6:30-8:00 pm

Breastfeeding

In our classes, you will learn about breast physiology, milk production, optimal positioning, establishing a strong milk supply, pumping and bottle feeding basics, and the partner's role. Support persons are encouraged to attend.

Breastfeeding Basics (B)

Along with the basic overview, learn to recognize potential difficulties and when to seek additional assistance.

Fee: \$80, One session, 6:00-9:00 pm

Breastfeeding and the First Few Months (Intensive)

The basics of breastfeeding are covered and you will also learn practical tips for the first few months of breastfeeding, including insights for returning to the work environment.

Fee: \$110, Weeknight 2-part, 6:30-9:00pm

All day class, 9:30 am-2:30 pm, Sat or Sun

I wanted to add How wonderful your energy was. No matter how big or small the group you came in with energy to make us feel this is very important.

Great Expectations class participant

We recommend that you sign up EARLY, and take after 20 weeks. Fees are priced for two people.

UCSF Outpatient Lactation Program

The Lactation Program provides patients and their families with supportive education and advice about breastfeeding. Once you are discharged, lactation support continues with available clinic appointments with a lactation consultant and referrals to our physicians and midwives as needed. Please call (415) 353-3400 for an appointment.

I enjoyed this class very much, and I found the information incredibly helpful. The pace and opportunities to share experiences in practice and nature of the instruction was wonderful.

-UCSF Great Expectations participant

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Parenting/Baby Care

Parenting During the First Few Months

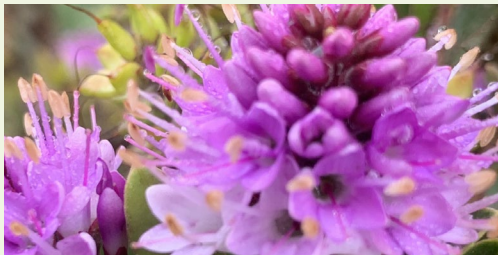
The workshop offers basic baby care and techniques to care for your newborn and emphasizes postpartum care for mom. Learn about newborn characteristics, infant milestones, bathing, hygiene, diapers, diapering, crying, comforting, sleep, and recognizing the signs of illness. Great for first-time parents.

Fee: \$110 per series

Weekdays 2-part series 6:00-8:30 pm

Weekend 2-part class, Sat & Sun 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Weekend all day Sat or Sun, 9:30 am-2:30 pm



Self-care

Mindfulness Basics during Pregnancy

Develop a practice of mindfulness, both formal and informal in your life. To allow optimum learning, sharing and support to occur, capacity is limited. Each week we'll build on what was learned and practiced the week before.

You will learn and develop the ability to know:

- What is mindfulness of body/thoughts and feelings?
- How to apply mindfulness so it can support you in your life/relationships and caring for your baby
- How to make time for yourself. To pause, breathe and ground in your body.
- How to apply the skills of mindfulness of body, thoughts and feelings
- How to refocus your attention to moments of goodness during cycles of worry and anxiety.
- How to manage your anxiety and potential for depression in a positive and healthy way.

These classes also offer an opportunity for connection and support in a group of other women who are pregnant.

The skills of mindfulness have been shown through research to have a beneficial impact on your baby.

Fee: \$120 per series, Sundays, Six-week series, 4:00-5:00 pm

The New Nest: From Partners to Parents (PP)

Learn how the birth of a baby alters your partnership during this workshop. Additional topics covered:

- Common relationship stressors that arise after the baby's birth and research outlining how the birth of a baby can impact partnerships.
- How to prepare your relationship for the life change of parenthood.
- Helpful family and Postpartum resources.

Fee: \$50, One session class, 6:00-7:30 pm

Birth Center Tour

Learn about the facilities and the practical aspects of arriving at the hospital when you are in labor.

Tours are approximately one hour and are available only within 90 days of your due date. Sign up well in advance.

Register and find availability at whrcportal.ucsf.edu/whrcmember or call (415) 514-2670.

Alternatively, view the video at: womenshealth.ucsf.edu/whrc

No fee charged, one session, 5:00 pm | Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in and no drop-ins, please.

Note: Tour dates and times are subject to change. Registration is limited to two people per tour.

Due to hospital policy, children are not allowed on the tour. In-person tours are elective.

All UCSF Great Expectations classes and programs are facilitated by specialists, certified and trained educators.

I've taken some of the other classes and they've been so helpful. I really have loved them. My partner and I took the first 3 months class and the Breastfeeding class. Feeling much more prepared!

Great Expectations class participant



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UCSF MILK Support Group

Mother & Infant Lactation Cooperative

A weekly breastfeeding support group. Moms and babies ranging in age from newborn to six months old are welcome. Share your experiences and learn how other mothers are adjusting to the demands of motherhood. Get your questions answered with evidence-based lactation information. Facilitated by the UCSF Outpatient Lactation team.

Fee: No charge

Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 am-In-person at Mission Bay

Fridays, 10:00-11:30 am

Pre-register today, call (415) 514-2670 or visit us online. *Space is limited.*

Note that MILK is offered in postpartum and groups are not held on (UCSF) University holidays

“Before attending the group, all I knew is that I wanted to breastfeed... I came for the first time with my 5-day old baby and attending the group not only increased my confidence in breastfeeding, but transformed my transition into motherhood.”

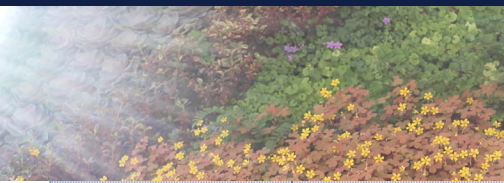
MILK participant



Great Expectations Educators/Lactation Consultants

Carole Hanson, CCE, IBCLC, Cherry Jones, CIMI, LMFT, Juli Fraga, Psy. D., Patty Lipinska, BA, ICCE, CD, Pedram Aleshi, MD, Sarah Cardena, MPH, Sarah Quigley, MA, IBCLC, Sydney Jones, IBCLC, Shanda Manion, MSN, CNM, RN, IBCLC

Parenting and Breastfeeding Basics are classes you can also take after delivery.



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Third trimester patients: Live webinar/Q&A session

Every other month, on the 3rd Friday | 12-1:30pm

Topics will include:

- What to expect when going to the Birth Center
- How to be prepared for birth
- What to expect immediately after delivery
- What to expect Postpartum
 - Common discomforts post baby (and treatments)
 - Baby blues and PPD
 - Breastfeeding
 - What to expect at your Postpartum visit

*The Third Trimester
webinar...truly answered
all of my questions
regarding what will
happen "day-of".
Webinar participant*

Register on our member portal: whrcportal.ucsf.edu/whrc

For the webinar recording and other resources, visit:
<https://womenshealth.ucsf.edu/whrc> or email: whr@ucsf.edu

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*You have such a passion for helping people and it shows
in the work you do. Appreciate you!*

UCSF employee and Parenting patient

Classes fill up, sign up early!



We recommend signing up at around 20 weeks for classes you'll take at the beginning of your third trimester. Fees are priced for two people.

Try one and Save!

Basic Pregnancy Package \$395 | Save \$15

This Basic Package combines the most popular classes into a valuable package, providing savings and the essential classes every parent needs.

The three classes included:

- Childbirth Preparation: Integrated Methods
- Breastfeeding and the First Few Months
- Parenting During the First Few Months

Twins or More Package \$160

We cover important aspects of prenatal care, labor and delivery, feeding issues, and preparing home and family for the arrival of multiples.

- Expecting Twins or More
- Breastfeeding Twins or More

Comprehensive Pregnancy Package \$405 | Save \$15

The Comprehensive Pregnancy Package integrates fundamental education for birthing, lactation, and newborn care. This package is similar to the basic pregnancy package but incorporates the accelerated one-day childbirth class in place of a childbirth series.

The three classes included:

- Childbirth Preparation: Intensive*
- Breastfeeding and the First Few Months
- Parenting During the First Few Months

**Please bring two pillows and a blanket or beach towel to in-person class*

The best thing is building community with other new moms, spending the time to mentally prepare for birth and motherhood. *-UCSF CenteringPregnancy®Healthcare Patient*

All prices, locations, times, dates are subject to change, and due to privacy classes are not recorded.

CenteringPregnancy® Healthcare

UCSF offers an exciting and comprehensive way to receive group prenatal care with expectant moms who share similar due dates.

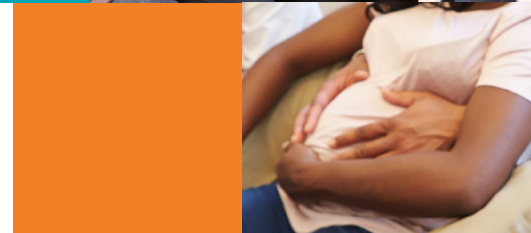
Spend quality time building community and networks with other moms while receiving quality prenatal care and health education with your prenatal care provider.

- ☞ Discuss health concerns and expectations in a supportive setting.
- ☞ Enjoy healthy snacks and refreshments.

Topics Include: Nutrition, Fetal Development, Comfort Measures, Exercise & Relaxation, Infant Care & Breastfeeding, Sexuality, Childbirth Preparation, Communication & Self Esteem, Postpartum Issues, Parenting, and much more.

Visit womenshealth.ucsf.edu/whrc to view our video and to learn more.

Join a group, contact the CenteringPregnancy® Healthcare Coordinator at centeringpregnancy@ucsf.edu.



Breastpump Rentals

Hospital-grade electric pumps are available for use during your hospital stay and for rent once you leave the hospital.

All rentals require a \$50 credit card deposit for security and cleaning which will be charged at the time of rental. The breastpump must be thoroughly cleaned and in good condition upon return to be refunded the \$50 deposit. For questions about pumps/pump availability, please call Great Expectations at (415) 514-2670.

*Pumps returned early will **not** receive a pro-rated refund.*

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I take classes?

During Pregnancy:

- » Birth Center tours: The guided walking tour recommended around 34 weeks, enrollment is available within 90 days of your due date. Sign up well in advance OR view the virtual tour at womenshealth.ucsf.edu/whrc. *Note: Registration is limited to two. Due to hospital policy, children are not allowed on the tour*
- » Childbirth Classes/Parenting/Breastfeeding/Pain Relief (28 weeks and beyond)
- » Expecting Twins/Breastfeeding Twins (20 weeks and beyond)
- » The New Nest (20 weeks and beyond)
- » Mindfulness Basics during Pregnancy

After Delivery/Postpartum:

- » MILK Lactation Support Group (Babies up to 6 months)

When should I register for classes?

Classes fill up 2-3 months before the class start date. Childbirth, Breastfeeding and Parenting weekend classes are first to fill up. Please sign up well in advance.

When do I pay for classes?

You must register for all programs in advance and payment is required at the time of registration. Register and pay online at whrcportal.ucsf.edu/whrcmember/ OR call (415) 514-2670.

What Class packages are available?

Basic Pregnancy Package \$395 - save \$15:

- » Childbirth Preparation: Integrated Methods
- » Breastfeeding & the First Few Months
- » Parenting During the First Few Months

Comprehensive Pregnancy Package \$405 - save \$15

- » Childbirth Preparation: Intensive*
- » Breastfeeding & the First Few Months
- » Parenting During the First Few Months

**Please bring two pillows and a blanket or beach towel to in-person class*

Twins/Multiples and more \$160

- » Expecting Twins or more
- » Breastfeeding Twins or more

Disclaimer: Due to instructor illness or circumstances beyond our control, UCSF Great Expectations Pregnancy Program reserves the right to reschedule or cancel scheduled classes. We are committed to your healthcare education and will make every effort for you to make-up your cancelled class. Participants will be given notice by UCSF Great Expectations Pregnancy Program within a 48-hour period regarding a make-up session or refund.



Contact us with questions, find more resources, webinars, updates and register online

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Weekly Rentals

\$30 plus tax, per week*

Monthly Rentals

\$100 plus tax, per month*



**Rental fees do not include deposits.*

All prices, locations, times & dates are subject to change.

Where are classes held?

Classes are held via Zoom and in person, registrants will receive a link by email at least 24 hrs prior to class for online sessions. Please call WHRC at (415) 514-2670 or email whr@ucsf.edu if you have not received the emailed link by that time. If the class is **in person** look for '(IP)', next to the listed location, and on the member portal upon registration (whrcportal.ucsf.edu/whrcmember/).

How do I register?

Register and pay online at <https://whrcportal.ucsf.edu/> OR call (415) 514-2670.

What is the policy for rescheduling classes?

Due to the high demand, classes fill up quickly. All clients must reschedule no later than five business days before the date of the class. Additionally, if you reschedule later than five business days before the class, a one-time \$25 registration fee will be charged per class.

What is the policy for cancellations?

Class cancellations must be made five business days before the date of the class in order to receive a full refund. Additionally, if a cancellation is made less than five business days prior to the class, a one-time \$25 registration fee will be charged per class.

Can I view a recording if I miss a class?

Due to our policy around patient privacy, classes are not recorded. If you are unable to attend a class, please note our cancellation policy or contact us at (415) 514-2670.

What forms of payment are accepted?

You may pay by credit card online or over the telephone (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express are accepted).

Are classes, pump rentals reimbursed by my insurance?

Great Expectations does NOT work with insurance companies. Please check with your health insurance provider for reimbursement or discount information.

Can my support person also attend the class?

Yes. UCSF's Great Expectations Program encourages support persons to attend classes. ALL class fees include two (2) people (*with the exception of MILK, which includes only mom/baby*). If you have more than one support person, they will need to pay for an additional enrollment.