



**Accreditation Period: 2019-2022**

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**CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY  
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**



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**TWO YEAR PROGRAM**

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**Note:** *This program is not able to accept any candidates who did not complete their residency in United States or Canada. This is a requirement of the State of Arizona for licensure.*

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2-Year Program			
<b>Optional Degrees:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MPH <input type="checkbox"/> MBA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None			
<b>Number of Faculty:</b>			
	GYN Faculty: 2	UROGYN Faculty: 0	
	REI Faculty: 1	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 1	
	GU Faculty: 1	General Surgery Faculty: 1	
	Colorectal Faculty:	Other:	
<b>Residency Program Affiliation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Computer Simulation Center:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Training Labs:</b>			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cadaver lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> None
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotics	
<b>Office Surgery:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Contract/Agreement Letter:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Stipend PGY-5 or 6:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Resident Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Benefit Package:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	OB obligation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe obligation. Each fellow will cover eight weeks of GYN consult coverage per academic year.
	Junior Faculty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Moonlighting:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attending Privileges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Malpractice:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Non-compete clause: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Malpractice tail coverage:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Meeting support: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			Other coverage obligations- specify: Occurance malpractice which covers tail
<b>Accept J1 &amp; H1Visa applicants</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Dedicated Research Hours:</b> Hours/per week: 4 hours/week Hours/per month: 16 hours/month			
<b>Protected Academic:</b> Hours/per week: 2 hours/week Hours/per month: 8 hours/month			
<b>Clinical Focus/Special Interest:</b>			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Oncology	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pelvic Reconstruction	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotic Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric/Adolescent	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hysteroscopic Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: mesh excision	



**Description of Program:**

The Creighton University MIGS Fellowship program, partnered with St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona, is structured for the applicant who wishes to emerge as a fully trained and experienced pelvic surgeon. The main focus of our practice is the care of patients with chronic pelvic pain. Fellows will be exposed to all areas of pelvic pain, including the diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis, pelvic congestion syndrome, extensive pelvic adhesion disease and pudendal neuralgia. Our comprehensive curriculum includes simulation training with robotic trainers, exposure to advanced laparoscopic surgery, abdominal and vaginal procedures, and laparoscopic and open bowel surgery. Additionally, fellows will have exposure to the latest advances in robotic surgery. Fellows will rotate with minimally invasive urological surgeons, and be trained in cystoscopy, ureteral stenting, and ureteral re-implantation. Fellows will work with an REI surgeon to gain experience with infertility, reproductive disorders and perform in office hysteroscopies. Fellows also rotate with our MIS general surgeons to gain additional exposure in bowel work.

The primary surgical experience will be conducted at St Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center, a nationally recognized center for quality tertiary care, medical education and research. It includes the internationally renowned Barrow Neurological Institute, the Norton Thoracic Institute, Center for Women's Health, University of Arizona Cancer Center at St. Joseph's, and a Level I Trauma Center. Our 595-bed, non-profit hospital provides a wide range of health, social and support services. St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is accredited by the Joint Commission, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, The American College of Surgeons, the College of American Pathologists, and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Upon graduation, fellows can expect to emerge fully trained and experienced in the broad spectrum of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, with an emphasis on chronic pelvic pain. Fellows will be more than qualified to serve as a minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and/or pelvic pain consultant.

Our program is affiliated with The University of Arizona College of Medicine and Creighton University School of Medicine. Therefore, fellows actively participate in the teaching of OB/GYN residents as well as third and fourth year medical students. Fellows will gain a faculty appointment with both affiliated Universities. The fellows are expected to present a Grand Rounds topic related to MIGS twice a year, attend morning GYN Rounds with the residents, and conduct lectures for medical students on GYN topics as well as lead quarterly anatomy labs during their gynecology clerkships.

Each fellow must complete, by the end of their final academic year, at least one IRB approved research project relevant to minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. Fellows must present their research findings at one major national conference (AAGL, IPPS, APGO, ACOG) during their fellowship or within 1 year from graduating. Fellows must submit their research for publication to a peer-reviewed journal by the end of their fellowship.