



About Fairfield University

Steeped in Jesuit tradition, Fairfield University's approach to education is rigorous and thorough, with a blend of theoretical and applied learning that prepares individuals to change the world for the better. Fairfield's master's and certification programs are dynamic with small class settings, support, convenience, and flexibility for working adults.

Internship application deadlines:

- Applications for the teacher internship program are reviewed on a rolling basis following admission to a master's degree program. Generally, internship placements are made for the fall, beginning in September, although spring internships are sometimes available.

Assistantships and financial aid:

- A limited number of graduate assistantships are awarded each year. To be considered, contact the dean's office, (203) 254-4250, for an application. You may also be considered for an assistantship after your admission by contacting the program director.
- Get information about financing your degree from the University's Financial Aid Office, (203) 254-4000, ext. 4125.



TO APPLY TO A GRADUATE PROGRAM, CONTACT:

Graduate Admissions Office
Fairfield University
gradadmis@fairfield.edu
(203) 254-4184
www.fairfield.edu/grad



TEACHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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THE INTERNSHIP FOR NON-CERTIFIED TEACHERS

The internship for non-certified teachers provides prospective teachers with an opportunity to do field work in their future profession while pursuing a master's degree or a certificate of advanced study and a concurrent program leading to state certification. This program is offered to graduate students in several certification programs.

The responsibilities of the non-certified interns differ according to placement. They include substituting, small group instruction, individual instruction, or assisting in the classroom. In the elementary school setting, interns may be assigned to a mentor teacher in order to gain exposure to an exemplary teacher.

In return for the non-certified intern's work in the school, the school district deposits up to \$15,000 with Fairfield University. This amount is banked for interns to draw upon for graduate courses taken at Fairfield University in pursuit of their degree and their certification.

While participating in the internship program, interns take courses toward their advanced degree and teacher certification. If, during

their internship, they are enrolled in a class requiring field work, the internship experience may be used to meet that requirement if the course instructor approves. Interns attend a one credit seminar on issues related to professional development. The internship program does not substitute for the state-required student teaching experience. The internship may be extended for a second year which generates up to an additional \$15,000 and may include student teaching as part of the internship experience. Internships for graduate students emerging from the Five Year Integrated Bachelors-Masters degree and certification program will include student teaching.

THE INTERNSHIP FOR CERTIFIED TEACHERS

This internship provides an opportunity for novice teachers and those considering re-entry into the profession to have a year's experience in a public school setting while pursuing a master's degree or a certificate of advanced study.

Responsibilities generally include substituting, small group instruction, individual instruction, or assisting in a classroom. Generally, the principal of the school determines

the responsibilities assigned to the intern. Interns become members of the school community and attend meetings, professional development activities, and other functions.

While in the program, interns also work on their advanced degree. Each semester, interns register for and attend a one credit seminar that focuses on issues pertinent to their professional development. In return for the intern's service, the school district deposits up to \$15,000 with Fairfield University. This amount is banked for interns to draw upon for courses taken at Fairfield University toward their degree. Hence, the funds received for the intern's services help to defray a major portion of tuition.

Employment opportunities for interns are enhanced since many school districts hire them for full-time teaching positions. School districts benefit from having additional competent staff members on call to handle a variety of professional responsibilities.

All applications for the teacher internship program are reviewed on a rolling basis.

HOW TO APPLY

Prospective interns need to be formally admitted to one of the teacher preparation and/or degree programs at Fairfield University as well as complete an application for the internship program. To receive the necessary application, complete and return the form below to:

Internship Program
Fairfield University
Graduate School of Education
and Allied Professions
CNS 102
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824-5195

Yes, I would like more information on the Teacher Internship Program at Fairfield University.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

(WORK) _____

E-MAIL _____

I am interested in the:

A. Internship for **Non-Certified Teachers**
Area which you are seeking certification:

B. Internship for **Certified Teachers**
Type of certification held:

States(s) in which certificate is valid:

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