



Fairfield University CONTINUING STUDIES

SCHOOL OF NURSING SECOND DEGREE BSN PROGRAM OPTION

The School of Nursing offers an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing. The program begins in June and continues through graduation in August of the following year – a total of 15 months.

The second-degree BSN program is designed to draw on your prior education and experience while allowing you to earn a second bachelor's degree in an accelerated format. This previous knowledge serves as a foundation for nursing courses and helps you develop the social awareness, critical thinking skills, aesthetic sensibility, and values that prepare you to sit for the NCLEX licensing exam. The program will empower you to become a leader in the nursing field.

COURSE OF STUDY

The Second Degree program includes:

- 15-month, full-time intensive study
- personalized advisement and career counseling
- financial aid opportunities for qualified students
- the advantage of networking with other student nursing professionals
- low faculty/student ratios that provide personal attention

SEQUENCE OF COURSES

First Summer Session (17 credits)

- Introduction to Professional Nursing (3)
- Health Care Delivery Systems (3)
- Health Assessment (4)
- Geriatric Nursing (4)
- Therapeutic Nursing Interventions (3)

Fall Semester (16 credits)

- Wellness to Illness (4)
- Basic Concepts of Pathophysiology (3)
and Pharmacology
- Mental Health Nursing (4)
- Patterns of Illness I (5)

Spring Semester (16 credits)

- Research in Nursing (3)
- Nursing of Women and Childbearing Family (4)
- Nursing of Child and Family (4)
- Patterns of Illness II (5)

Second Summer Semester (11 credits)

- Leadership & Management (3)
- Public Health Nursing (4)
- Transition: Professional Nursing Practice (4)

More detailed information is available on our website:
www.fairfield.edu/nursingseconddegree

ADULT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Before entering the program, qualified students must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree with an earned QPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have completed the core courses required for a liberal arts degree at Fairfield University, as well as basic science courses:
 - English (6 credits) 2 courses
 - Ethics (3 credits) 1 course
 - Philosophy (3 credits) 1 course
 - Religion (3 credits) 1 course
 - General Electives (33 credits) 11 courses
- Have completed all prerequisite courses (not older than 10 years) with a grade of B or better through an accredited institution. Any of the courses not completed during your undergraduate work may be taken at Fairfield University or any accredited college or University, part-time, before beginning the Second Degree program. An advisor will meet with you to review your transcript.
 - 8 credits of anatomy and physiology
 - 4 credits of chemistry
 - 3 credits of developmental psychology
 - 4 credits of microbiology
 - 3 credits of statistics
- Schedule an interview with the Advisor for the Second Degree BSN Program.
- Complete an application at www.fairfield.edu/son_al



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FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following to:

Fairfield University
Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies Admission
Kelley Center
1073 North Benson Rd.
Fairfield, CT 06824

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/son_al
2. A non-refundable \$60 application fee
3. A professional résumé
4. An admission essay
5. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended (all foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A list of approved evaluators can be found at www.fairfield.edu/eval)
6. Two recommendations, one of which must be from a current supervisor or professor
7. All international students whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by taking either TOEFL or IELTS exams. For admission to the graduate school, a TOEFL composite score of 550 for the paper test, 213 for the computer-based test, 80 on the internet-based test or an IELTS score of 6.5 is strongly recommended. Scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (TOEFL) or IELTS.org. Fairfield's ETS code is 3390.

Measles and Rubella Immunization

Connecticut law requires that students born after December 31, 1956 provide proof of measles and rubella immunization. This includes two doses of measles vaccine administered at least one month apart (the second dose must be given after December 31, 1979) and one dose of rubella vaccine after the student's first birthday. The exception to this is students who provide laboratory documentation of immunity to measles and rubella.

Although this is not required to complete an application, **you must provide proof of immunization prior to course registration.** Please keep in mind that this process can take some time, and that you **must** be in compliance before registration. Immunization information should be submitted directly to the University's Health Center. Download the necessary form at www.fairfield.edu/immunization. Any questions should be directed to the University Health Center, (203) 254-4000, ext 2241.

Admission Deadline: November 1 for June enrollment. Once your application is complete and reviewed, you will be notified of your status.

Questions about the application process or requirements should be directed to the **Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies Admission:**

Phone: (203) 254-4184
Toll-Free: (888) 488-6840
Fax: (203) 254-4073
E-mail: gradadmis@fairfield.edu

Office Operations

Days: Monday-Friday
Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Location: Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

HOUSING

Fairfield University will be offering housing for full-time second degree students in two locations for the 2011-12 academic year. Graduate students will be housed in independent off-campus houses and a suite-style residence hall (Kostka Hall). For details and a housing application, visit www.fairfield.edu/gradhousing.

TUITION

Academic Year 2011/2012
Tuition: \$690/credit hour

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

There is a limited amount of need-based federal and university aid available. Financial aid programs consist of federal and university grants and federal student loans. In order to apply for financial aid, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov at least four weeks prior to the start of the semester. Additional application information can be found online at www.fairfield.edu/csa_eligibility

All Fairfield University students are encouraged to speak with a Financial Aid Counselor. Please contact the office.

Contact Information

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Tax Deductions

Treasury regulation (1.162.5) permits an income tax deduction for educational expenses (registration fees and the cost of travel, meals, and lodging) undertaken to: maintain or improve skills required in one's employment or other trade or business; or meet express requirements of an employer or a law imposed as a condition to retention of employment job status or rate of compensation.

Veterans Pride Program

Veterans may apply educational benefits to degree studies pursued at Fairfield University. To learn more about our enhanced financial aid benefits for veterans, see www.fairfield.edu/veterans.
Contact: Sheila McEnery
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SCHOOL OF NURSING WEBSITE:

www.fairfield.edu/nursing

ONLINE CATALOG:

For detailed course descriptions and other University information, please refer to our online catalog:
www.fairfield.edu/catalogs