



## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING NURSING LEADERSHIP

### Program Overview

Fairfield University's Master's in Nursing Leadership program was created in response to an urgent call for expanding roles in healthcare, better patient outcomes, and improved coordination in the delivery of healthcare services. This degree is ideal for those looking to maximize career options such as management, clinical nurse leader, clinical analyst, informatics nurse specialist, nurse navigator, care coordinator (trauma, stroke), hospital education, clinical faculty, quality improvement, and risk management.

### Coursework

Students can choose between two leadership tracks and take electives of interest with other disciplines:

- I. Clinical Systems Leadership
- II. Integrated Healthcare Leadership

#### **Concentrations**

- Informatics Nursing
- Palliative Care
- Education
- Management

To better align students with the interdisciplinary healthcare environment, students can choose a concentration in four areas. These concentrations include the graduate core and specialty courses (9 credits) specific to the concentration. For course descriptions of concentrations in palliative care, education, or management, contact the program director.

### Clinical Systems Leadership Curriculum

Candidates must complete a minimum of 38 credits. Graduates of this program meet all the qualifications to register for the national Clinical Nurse Leader Certification Exam. Evidence-based initiatives led by students are based on their interests and expertise.

### Integrated Healthcare Leadership Curriculum

Candidates must complete a minimum of 38 credits. Students in this track choose a concentration to align with their professional goals.

### Informatics Nursing Concentration Curriculum

This program provides nurses with qualifications to register for the national Informatics Nursing Certification Exam. Graduates of the program will be prepared to address the predominant healthcare issues of the future, including:

- Improved documentation and resource management in the healthcare setting
- Utilization of electronic health record data to improve patient care and outcomes
- Promoting quality health care through the analysis of aggregate to drive healthcare policy change

For detailed course requirements and descriptions, please visit [www.fairfield.edu/catalogs](http://www.fairfield.edu/catalogs).

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## Program Director

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## Admission/Eligibility

Applicants for a master's degree must hold a bachelor's of science in nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

**Application Deadline:** July 1 for fall admission

To be considered for admission, candidates must submit the following at [www.fairfield.edu/applynow](http://www.fairfield.edu/applynow):

- Completed graduate application
- Non-refundable \$65 application fee
- Professional resume
- Personal statement
  - Discuss a practice problem in your field that, in your experience, has a broad impact on patient care outcomes
  - State professional goals for the next 5-10 years and explain how a Nursing Leadership degree will help you reach those goals
- Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended
- Copy of current RN license to practice in the state of Connecticut (required upon admission)
- Two letters of recommendation

For detailed admission requirements, please visit [www.fairfield.edu/grad](http://www.fairfield.edu/grad).

## Tuition/Financial Aid

Discover the many ways to finance a graduate education and explore tuition and fees at [www.fairfield.edu/gradfa](http://www.fairfield.edu/gradfa).

To reach the Office of Financial Aid, please contact 203-254-4125 or email [finaid@fairfield.edu](mailto:finaid@fairfield.edu).

## Contact the Office of Graduate Admission

Phone: 203-254-4184  
Email: [gradadmis@fairfield.edu](mailto:gradadmis@fairfield.edu)

Visit the Nursing Leadership website:  
[www.fairfield.edu/lead](http://www.fairfield.edu/lead)

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*Four times the size of its original facility, the Egan School's 70,000 square foot, state-of-the-art academic facility features cutting edge simulation labs and equipment, a control room, open collaborative areas, enhanced clinical learning environments, and the Kanarek Center for Palliative Care Nursing Education.*