



FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



E-DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The EDNP is a practice-focused doctoral degree designed specifically for current nurse executives or nurse entrepreneurs who are seeking a terminal DNP degree to enhance their leadership and evidence-based skill sets and improve career choices. This program, which is based on a DNP core, offers specialized leadership courses and integrates the content throughout the students' immersion experiences in area hospitals, healthcare systems businesses. Designed as a cohort for working professionals, this program allows for part-time study with a flexible hybrid format. Students who complete the program earn a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Fairfield University.

COURSE OF STUDY

The EDNP program is a cohort program, which starts in September of each year and operates according to the University's academic calendar, including a summer semester. This program is delivered in a hybrid format. The sequence of courses will be offered over the course of three years, or eight semesters, ending in a spring semester. Students are required to complete a minimum of 35 credits for the EDNP.

CURRICULUM

YEAR 1

Fall Semester

- Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice
- Role Reflective Practice for DNPs

Spring Semester

- Epidemiology & Biostatistics
- DNP Seminar I

Summer Semester

- Healthcare Economics & Marketing
- DNP Immersion (optional)

YEAR 2

Fall Semester

- Population Health
- DNP Immersion (optional)

Spring Semester

- Leadership & Interprofessional Collaboration
- DNP Immersion (optional)

Summer Term

- Research Translation for Clinical Practice
- DNP Immersion

YEAR 3

Fall Semester

- Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement
- DNP Seminar II
- DNP Immersion

Spring Semester

- Advanced Healthcare Policy
- DNP Immersion

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Dr. Joyce Shea serves as the faculty advisor for the E-Doctor of Nursing Practice program and is the appropriate person to contact with questions or to learn more.

For a complete faculty listing, see www.fairfield.edu/sonfaculty.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the EDNP must hold a master's degree in nursing from an accredited college or university (or the international equivalent), with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Entry to the EDNP program is once a year, in the fall semester. Applications to the program are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications are reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee. Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application.
(Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/sonapp.)
2. A non-refundable \$60 application fee.
3. A professional résumé. Applicants are required to submit a current résumé that includes employment and educational history.

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4. A 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.
 - Explain how a DNP will help you reach your goals.
5. Official transcripts verifying completion of an undergraduate degree and master's degree. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A complete list of approved evaluators can be found at www.fairfield.edu/eval.
6. Two recommendation forms and letters, one of which must be from a current supervisor or professor who can assess one's clinical expertise and potential. Completed online.
7. Copy of current RN license.
8. Letter from Master's program documenting supervised clinical hours completed in the program (if applicable).
9. 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 www.IELTS.org. Fairfield's ETS code is 3390.

Submit transcripts and any other documents that cannot be uploaded to:

Fairfield University
Office of Graduate Admission
Kelley Center
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

INTERVIEW PROCESS

Applicants who meet the above criteria may be invited for an admission interview on campus, online, or on the phone.

ADMISSION REVIEW

Once a candidate has successfully completed the interview process, all Admission files are then reviewed on a rolling basis by the Admission Committee and applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS

Connecticut State law requires each full-time or matriculated student to provide proof of immunity or screening against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), meningitis and tuberculosis. Certain exemptions based on age and housing status apply. Matriculating students are defined as those enrolled in a degree seeking program. More detailed information and the required downloadable forms are available online at www.fairfield.edu/immunization. Completed forms should be submitted directly to the Student Health Center. Although this is not required to complete an application, you must provide proof of immunity/screening prior to course registration. Please consult your private health care provider to obtain the necessary immunizations. Questions may be directed to the Student Health Center: 203-254-4000 ext. 2241 or e-mail health@fairfield.edu.

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2018-19
Tuition: \$1,000 per credit hour

A graduate education can provide countless professional and personal rewards in the future. Many students need to look beyond their own financial resources or the resources of their employer for assistance. There are many ways to finance a graduate education, including graduate assistantships, federal direct loan programs and our Veterans Pride Program, which are all discussed at www.fairfield.edu/gradfa.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Advisors from the Office of Financial Aid are committed to helping students find the options that best suit each of their needs. We encourage all Fairfield University graduate students to contact the Financial Aid office with any questions or to make an appointment to speak with a counselor.

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 203-254-4125
Fax: 203-254-4008
E-mail: finaid@fairfield.edu

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OPERATIONS

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

MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSION QUESTIONS

Questions about the application process should be directed to the **Office of Graduate Admission**.

Phone: 203-254-4184
Fax: 203-254-4073
E-mail: gradadmis@fairfield.edu

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SCHOOL OF NURSING WEBSITE

www.fairfield.edu/nursing

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE WEBSITE

www.fairfield.edu/dnp

ONLINE CATALOG

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