



# FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



## SECONDARY EDUCATION

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Educational Studies and Teacher Preparation Department offers graduate programs for new and experienced teachers that are organized around reflective inquiry and socially responsible professional practice. Guided by the GSEAP conceptual framework, we are committed to educating scholar-practitioners who have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to: enact meaningful connections between theory and practice; promote a developmental model of human growth and learning; exercise ethical professional judgment and leadership; and advocate for quality education for all learners. As members of an inclusive community of learners, we (University faculty, experienced and aspiring classroom teachers, and community members and leaders) work together to create and sustain exemplary learning environments that empower PK-12 students to become engaged, productive citizens in their communities.

Master's in Secondary Education with Initial 7-12 Certification: The M.A in Secondary Education provides candidates with the theoretical and pedagogical knowledge and skills needed for initial 7-12 licensure in one of five subject areas: English, Math, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or General Science), Social Studies/History, and World Language (French, German, Latin or Spanish). Through a combination of foundational and subject-specific coursework, field experiences, and a culminating master's project, candidates earn both their initial certification and master's degree.

### INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

Potential candidates are encouraged to discuss prerequisites with program faculty advisors or graduate admissions staff before or during the admission process. Information about the most recent certification requirements and applications for certification can be downloaded directly from the Connecticut State Department of Education website at [www.state.ct.us/sde](http://www.state.ct.us/sde).

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR M.A. IN SECONDARY EDUCATION WITH INITIAL 7-12 CERTIFICATION

1. Complete all core and discipline-specific course work, including:
2. 24 credits in the required Core Curriculum:
  - ED 429 Philosophical Foundations of Education
  - ED 441 Teaching and Learning within Multicultural Contexts of Education
  - ED 442 Educational Psychology
  - ED 499 Introduction to Educational Research OR ED 552 Participatory Action Research
  - ED 512 Contemporary Schooling in Society
  - SE 403 Foundations in Research and Evaluation of Psychoeducational Issues in Special Education
  - SE 565 Evidence-Based Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom
  - MD 400 Introduction to Educational Technology

3. 18-21 credits in discipline-specific coursework (see below)
4. Master's project: Capstone Seminar (ED 511)

### REQUIRED DISCIPLINE - SPECIFIC COURSEWORK

#### ENGLISH

- EN 405 Literature for Young Adults
- EN 411 Teaching Writing in the 3-12 Classroom
- EN 417 Traditional and Structural Grammar
- ED 459 Developmental Reading in the Secondary School
- ED 466 English Methods
- ED 581 Directed Observation & Supervised Student Teaching
- ED 589 English Seminar

#### MATHEMATICS

Two graduate-level math courses (These courses are taken through the M.A. in Math offered by the University)

- ED 455 The Literate Learner: Using Critical and Strategic Literacy in the Content Areas, Grades 5-12
- ED 464 Math Methods
- ED 581 Directed Observation & Supervised Student Teaching
- ED 591 Mathematics Seminar

#### SCIENCE

- ED 462 Science Methods
- ED 572 Guided Research in Science
- ED 573 Instructional Issues in Teaching Science
- ED 581 Directed Observation & Supervised Student Teaching
- ED 592 Science Seminar

#### WORLD LANGUAGE

- SL 439 Methods of Foreign Language Teaching for Elementary School
- SL 467 Language Acquisition
- ED 455 The Literate Learner
- ED 463 World Language Methods
- ED 581 Directed Observation & Supervised Student Teaching
- ED 593 World Language Seminar

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## HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES

- ED 515 Teaching Economic & Physical Geography
- ED 468 Social Studies/History Methods
- ED 581 Directed Observation & Supervised Student Teaching
- ED 594 Social Studies/History Seminar
- AMST Graduate elective in history or social studies with advisor approval

## PRACTICE TEACHING AND FIELDWORK

The secondary teacher certification component culminates in an experience as a student teacher in a local school. During this experience, students are observed, assisted, and evaluated by supervisors from the University and on-site cooperating teachers. This experience builds upon previous exposure in the classroom gained through fieldwork service completed during prior coursework. Many students also gain valuable experience as volunteers with local schools. Student teachers from the University are placed in schools in the surrounding communities, including Bridgeport, Fairfield, Greenwich, Norwalk, Orange, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

## WAIVER OF STUDENT TEACHING

Candidates who have completed 10 school months of successful teaching within 10 years prior to entry into an approved program (at the grade level, subject or field appropriate to the endorsement area, excluding substitute teaching) may apply to the State of Connecticut for a waiver of the student teaching requirements. The waiver must be recommended by the candidate's department. Candidates who qualify should request a waiver immediately upon admission to the program. They should submit their requests in writing to the certification officer in the dean's office (Evelyn Lolis), with a copy to their advisor, along with a completed copy of State Department of Education form ED 126.

## TEACHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS (PAID INTERNSHIPS)

The internship for certified and non-certified teachers 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 either a MA degree or a SYC. During the internship year interns assume a variety of responsibilities that vary according to their placement. Each semester interns attend a weekly seminar that focuses on issues pertinent to their internship experiences. In return for the intern's service, the school district deposits up to \$15,000- with Fairfield University. The amount is banked for interns to draw upon for courses taken at Fairfield University toward their degree. The intern gains valuable hands-on experience while helping to defray a major portion of his or her tuition costs for the degree being pursued. For more information about applying for an internship please contact: [internship@fairfield.edu](mailto:internship@fairfield.edu)

## CONNECTICUT WRITING PROJECT

The Connecticut Writing Project/Fairfield University, an affiliate of the National Writing Project, is located on campus and is dedicated to improving students' writing abilities by strengthening the teaching and learning of writing, providing professional development programs for classroom teachers, and expanding the professional roles of teachers. Invitational summer courses are conducted by CWP/Fairfield and, with approval, may be used to fulfill degree requirements. For information about the CWP, contact Dr. Bryan Crandall at [bcrandall@fairfield.edu](mailto:bcrandall@fairfield.edu).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who complete their certification satisfactorily have excellent prospects of beginning positions in teaching. They are helped by Fairfield University's reputation for teacher preparation, broad faculty contacts within the profession, and a large number of alumni who are established in school systems throughout Connecticut and nearby states. Connecticut certification planned program coursework is accepted, through the NASDTEC Contract, in other states and the District for certification.

## STUDENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

Phi Delta Kappa

## PROGRAM COORDINATORS

### English: Bryan Crandall

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### Math & Science: Dr. Emily Smith

Phone: 203-254-4000, ext. 2396

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### Social Studies: Dr. Joshua Elliott

Phone: 203-254-4000, ext. 2540

E-mail: [jelliott@fairfield.edu](mailto:jelliott@fairfield.edu)

### World Languages: Dr. Anne Campbell

Phone: 203-254-4000, ext. 2873

E-mail: [acampbell@fairfield.edu](mailto:acampbell@fairfield.edu)

For a complete faculty listing, see [www.fairfield.edu/gseapfaculty](http://www.fairfield.edu/gseapfaculty).

## FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed when they are fully complete. Submit the application and all supporting materials well in advance of the semester for which you are applying to allow for application review and program availability.

Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application.  
(Apply online at [www.fairfield.edu/geapp](http://www.fairfield.edu/geapp).)
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.
4. A personal statement. Students should describe why they want to undertake graduate studies in the program for which they are applying.
5. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended. We generally expect applicants to have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0. Any applicant whose undergraduate GPA is lower than 2.67 must request and receive a GPA waiver from the department. Waivers are granted on a case by case basis and may require supplemental undergraduate coursework to increase the undergraduate GPA and/or earning a B or better in two or more approved graduate-level courses. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A list of approved evaluators is available at [www.fairfield.edu/eval](http://www.fairfield.edu/eval). Students may be required to take one or more English writing courses if their writing skills do not meet graduate level standards. Upon the granting of a GPA waiver, an approval form signed by

the Department and the Dean's office will be placed in the student's file. Candidates who are granted a GPA waiver and are admitted must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be permitted to continue in the program. Candidates applying for admission to a certification program should note that Connecticut State certification program standards for formal admission to an approved initial educator certification program require candidates to possess a minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average of B- (2.67 on a 4.0 GPA scale), unless an approved GPA waiver form documents that a waiver was granted.

6. Applicants must have taken one of the following tests: the Praxis Core, SAT, ACT or GRE and provide official scores for their file. Applicants who do not have passing scores on one or more sections may be required to remediate any deficient area. Remediation may include re-taking and passing the sections that were not passed, taking additional coursework, or other remediation activities. If additional courses are required, the candidate must complete the coursework at a grade of B (3.0) or above and provide an official transcript to the Dean's office prior to student teaching or internship. Please see advisor for additional details and recommendations. If students provide their social security number to Educational Testing Services (ETS) [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) when registering for the Praxis Core exam, the reported score will automatically be uploaded to their Fairfield application file. Our code is 3390.
7. Two recommendations, completed online. Suggested recommendations include your undergraduate or graduate professors, your major advisor, your work supervisor, or a professional in the field that you wish to study who knows you. Note that recommendations from friends or co-workers are not accepted.
8. Students who want to pursue certification in Secondary Education must have a minimum B (3.0) GPA in their certification-area courses.
9. Participate in an admissions interview (applicants are notified regarding an interview after a paper review of their credentials).
10. 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, 84 on the internet-based test with a minimum score of 21 in reading and 23 in writing is required. An IELTS score of 7.5 is required. Scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (TOEFL) or [www.IELTS.org](http://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 & Continuing Studies Admission  
Kelley Center  
1073 North Benson Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824

## BACKGROUND CHECK AND FINGERPRINTING

Fingerprinting and background checks are required for certification programs. Please contact the Dean's office at 203-254-4250 for updated information..

## 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](http://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](mailto:health@fairfield.edu).

## NON-MATRICULATED STUDENT STATUS

Under our Non-Matriculated Status option, qualified students may take two or three courses (depending on the program of study) before gaining admission to a degree or certification program. This option provides a wonderful opportunity for qualified students to explore degree options and to confirm personal goals and readiness for graduate study. Qualifications to be considered include a bachelor's degree (required) and other qualifications related to your preparedness for graduate-level studies in the field of interest to you. Successful completion of coursework does not guarantee formal admission.

Individuals enrolled as non-matriculated students are not eligible for any tuition and/or financial support.

## NON-MATRICULATED ADMISSION

Qualified applicants who have not completed the formal admission process may apply for permission to enroll as a non-matriculated student and earn up to 6 credits in a certification program and up to 9 credits in a non-certification program. (The number of non-matriculated credits are limited if the student has transfer credits to be considered.)

Application Instructions for non-matriculated admission:

- Apply online - Graduate Admission Application: [www.fairfield.edu/applynow](http://www.fairfield.edu/applynow)
- Submit \$60 application fee
- Answer "Yes" to the Non-Matriculated student question
- Choose Term to begin course work
- Upload unofficial undergraduate transcript with degree posted to application file \*
- Contact the GSEAP Dean's office at 203-254-4250 to be directed to the appropriate advisor for an interview.

\*In order to become a fully matriculated student see Formal Admission Process.

## MAXIMUM CREDITS ALLOWED BEFORE FORMAL ADMISSION

The total number of credits earned before formal admission to a program (i.e., the total number of transfer credits plus any credits earned as a non-matriculated student) may not exceed 6 (six) credits for applicants to certification programs or 9 (nine) credits for applicants to non-certification programs.

## **TUITION/FINANCIAL AID**

Academic Year 2018-19

Tuition: \$775 per credit hour

A graduate education can provide countless professional and personal rewards in the future. However, the costs associated with earning a master's degree may be challenging. 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gradadmis@fairfield.edu)

### **OFFICE OPERATIONS**

Days: Monday-Friday

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND ALLIED PROFESSIONS WEBSITE**

[www.fairfield.edu/gseap](http://www.fairfield.edu/gseap)

## **ONLINE CATALOG**

For detailed course descriptions and other University information, please refer to our online catalog

[www.fairfield.edu/catalogs](http://www.fairfield.edu/catalogs).