



# FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



## EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Educational Technology program welcomes potential candidates from all teaching disciplines as well as those contemplating a career change or an enhancement to their existing professional skills. The Master of Arts in Educational Technology program is designed to create leaders in the field who can model, use, and provide learning experiences to others regarding best technology-infused educational practices. Program candidates often work as teachers, co-teachers, and consultants in schools, agencies, and organizational professional development. K-12 classroom teachers often add the MA in Educational Technology to their existing graduate degrees. The MA in Educational Technology with preparation for K-12 cross endorsement as a School Library Media Specialist is also offered as an option for certified teachers.

### AT A GLANCE

- 30 credits
- 3 distinct tracks
  - Educational Technology
  - Cross-endorsement in Library Media Science
  - Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Technology
- Fall and Spring online courses
- Week-long on-campus summer institutes

### OUTCOMES

Graduates of the program will be able to:

- Position themselves as district and school leaders in designing and supporting 21st century learning environments.
- Participate in and foster a shared vision for the effective integration of technology in their educational environment.
- Work with educators to design, develop, implement, and evaluate technology-embedded learning and assessment experiences for students that optimize learning and incorporate the teaching of 21 century skills.
- Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to apply all relevant education and educational technology standards.
- Develop and implement relevant and appropriate professional development to meet the needs of teachers and administrators related to technology integration.
- Provide the teachers and administrators with knowledge to be able to foster and guide their own professional growth.
- Apply technology to meet the needs of a diverse school population.
- Demonstrate an understanding of emerging classroom technologies and be able to evaluate their effectiveness for use in the classroom.

### COURSE OF STUDY

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (30 CREDITS)

##### Foundations (9 credits)

- MD 400 Introduction to Educational Technology
- MD 500 Technology and Transformational Culture
- MD 503 Research/Evaluation in K-12 Consultation and Leadership

##### Core (9 credits)

- MD 460 Principles of Instructional Development
- MD 470 Designing for Online Instruction
- MD 585 Capstone Course

##### Electives (12 credits)

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WITH CROSS ENDORSEMENT IN LIBRARY MEDIA SCIENCE (30 CREDITS)

##### Foundations (9 credits)

- MD 400 Introduction to Educational Technology
- MD 500 Technology and Transformational Culture
- MD 503 Research in K-12 Consultation and Leadership

##### Core (18 credits)

- MD 403 The School Library I
- MD 404 The School Library II
- MD 405 Management of School Library Media Resources
- MD 406 Introduction to Reference
- MD 409 The Literate Environment: PK-12 Literature/Reading
- MD 585 Capstone Course

##### Electives (3 credits)



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## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SIXTH YEAR CERTIFICATE (SYC) IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (30 CREDITS)

### Foundations (9 credits)

- MD 400 Introduction to Educational Technology
- MD 500 Technology and Transformational Culture
- MD 503 Research and Evaluation in K-12 Consultation and Leadership

### Core (9 credits)

- MD 460 Principles of Instructional Development
- MD 470 Designing for Online Instruction
- MD 585 Capstone Experience

### Electives (12 credits)

Select 4 elective courses in consultation with advisor

Candidates must already have earned a MA degree to apply for the SYC program. Teachers from districts with pay scales that specifically target “credits beyond the MA” should consider the SYC option

## INTERSHIPS AND RESEARCH

Students have opportunities to complete internships in schools and agencies. Students may also complete independent study/research projects that may include collaboration and consultation with a faculty member.

## GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

### Dr. Joshua Elliott

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

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for a master’s degree must hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) and give promise of meeting the standards set by the school.

## FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed when they are fully complete. Submit application and all supporting materials well in advance of the semester for which you are applying to allow time 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. 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.
7. Participate in an admissions interview (applicants are notified regarding an interview after a paper review of their credentials.).
8. 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 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.

## NON-MATRICULATED ADVISING

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## TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2017/2018

Tuition: \$750 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).