



FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health Certificate

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Fairfield University offers a 12-credit certificate for mental health professionals to serve a diverse range of sexual and gender minority (SGM) youth and adults. If you hope to or are currently working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ), polyamorous, kinky, and other SGM clients, this certificate will give you the resources, skills, and self-awareness you need to feel confident in your work.

Required Courses

- FT 470 Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health (3 credits, summer)
- FT 471 Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health Treatment (2 credits, summer)
- FT 568A Affirmative Care with Gender Minority Youth and Adults (2 credits, fall)
- FT 568B Affirmative Care with Sexual Minority Youth (2 credits, fall)
- FT 499 Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health Capstone (3 credits, spring)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Suited for marriage and family therapists, counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses, and more
- One year of flexible, online learning that can fit into a busy schedule
- A three-day, on-campus residency in July to welcome students
- Highly engaging, interactive online courses taught by passionate and knowledgeable practitioners
- A focus on intersectional, relational, life cycle, and self-reflective perspectives to foster a holistic view of both client and clinician
- An opportunity to create and implement a project, program, or product that impacts LGBTQ mental health

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and demonstrate a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.67 across all degrees.

The program is intended for mental health professionals or graduate students with some clinical experience. Students are expected to have, at minimum, a basic knowledge of clinical assessment, diagnosis, and treatment and possess basic clinical skills.

Applications will be reviewed when they are complete and submitted. The application deadline is June 15, 2019. Space is limited. Applicants are encouraged to apply early.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Those seeking admission to this certificate program must complete and submit the following:

1. Apply online and complete the formal application.
2. Pay a non-refundable \$60 application fee.
3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
4. Submit a professional resume or CV that includes education and employment history.
5. Submit one letter of recommendation from an employer or supervisor who can evaluate your skills and experience as a mental health professional.
6. Submit a personal statement in 750 words or less, please describe the following:
 - Your professional training or experience related to mental health
 - Your personal or professional training or experience with sexual and gender minority individuals, relationships, or communities
 - How you see this certificate program furthering your personal or professional goals
7. Participate in an admission interview, either in person or via videoconference.

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



Fairfield University

Graduate School of Education
and Allied Professions

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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

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

ONLINE CATALOG

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

www.fairfield.edu/catalogs.