



EDUCATIONAL STUDIES & TEACHER CERTIFICATION

The Educational Studies and Teacher Preparation Department, located in the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions, in close collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, offers:

- **A 15-credit minor** in educational studies open to all interested undergraduates
- **A Five Year Integrated Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts Degree Teacher Certification Program** in:
 - a. Secondary Education (with concentrations in science, math, English, social studies, and world languages)
 - b. Elementary Education

Our programs are organized around reflective inquiry and socially responsible professional practice. 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.

Faculty of the Educational Studies and Teacher Preparation Department are available for individual advising by appointment throughout the year.

THE MINOR IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

The minor in educational studies is designed to meet the needs of all interested students who wish to deepen their understanding of education, teaching and learning in preparation for a variety of careers, including, but not limited to, careers as classroom teachers. The minor in educational studies is open to all undergraduates at Fairfield University. Applications to the minor in educational studies are reviewed on a rolling basis for currently enrolled Fairfield University students. There is no need to enroll in the teacher education program to declare this minor.

- Prerequisite to declare minor:
 - a. 15 credits
- 5 courses totaling 15 credit hours* as follows:
 - a. ED 200 Explorations in Education: Teaching, Learning & Schooling
 - b. ED 241 Educational Psychology
 - c. ED 329 Philosophy of Education
 - d. One course from recommended diversity course list
 - e. One relevant cognate area course from the menu of recommended courses

* Certain courses taken to fulfill the minor in educational studies may be used to fulfill requirements for the undergraduate core and US diversity requirements.

TEACHER EDUCATION

Our teacher preparation programs are accredited by the State of Connecticut and nationally recognized by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Students who successfully complete the teacher preparation programs at Fairfield qualify for an initial teaching certificate as secondary educators (grades 7 through 12) or elementary educators (grades 1-6) in the state of Connecticut.

This certificate is recognized by 38 other states and the District of Columbia, all of which participate in the NASDTEC Interstate Contract.

Five Year Integrated Bachelor's/Master's Degree Teacher Certification Program Highlights:

- Students earn a BA or BS in their major
- Students minor in educational studies (15 credits) and take 2-4 additional teacher preparation courses as undergraduates, depending on certification area
- Students continue teacher preparation as graduate students, completing a 30 credit MA teacher preparation program (about 14 months, which includes student teaching.)
- Students earn an MA in secondary or elementary education and are eligible for CT teaching certifications
- Paid teaching internships may be available during the graduate year (up to \$15,000 tuition remission)

ADMISSION PROCESS

To be admitted to the Five-Year Integrated Bachelor's/Master's Degree Teacher Education Program, students must first: declare the minor in educational studies; successfully earn 45 credits; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.67 and 3.0 GPA in their certification major.



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There are two phases of the admission process to the Five-Year Program: Level I and Level II. Admission to Level I does not guarantee admission to Level II.

To be admitted to the undergraduate phase of the teacher education program (**Level I**), students must:

1. Declare a minor in educational studies
2. Major in an appropriate discipline
3. Successfully earn 45 credits
4. Possess and maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.67
5. Maintain a 3.0 GPA in your major
6. Complete Level I Application to the undergraduate phase of the Five-Year Program (available on GSEAP website).
 - Meet with the Director of the Five-Year Program and appropriate Educational Studies & Teacher Preparation Program faculty to discuss major and minor requirements
 - Submit application as early as spring of sophomore year and no later than spring of junior year.
 - Application components:
 - i. Level I application
 - ii. Essay
 - iii. Official transcript
 - Submit complete application to ESTP graduate assistant in CNS 116A by posted deadline.

To be admitted to the **graduate phase of the Five-Year Program (Level II)** students must complete and submit the following online by February 1 of their senior year.

1. A completed application (apply online at www.fairfield.edu/geapp)
2. The \$60 application fee is waived for current students
3. A professional resume
4. A personal statement describing intent for studying in the program
5. Official transcript (minimum GPA of 2.67 and 3.0 in major)
6. Two recommendations
7. 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 ETS www.ets.org/praxis when registering for the Praxis Core exam, the reported score will automatically be uploaded to their Fairfield application file. Fairfield University's code is 3390.

8. Admission interview with program faculty
9. Record of immunizations

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 apply. 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. 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.

FACULTY CONTACT

The program director for the Five Year Bachelor's/ Master's Teacher Certification Program can provide further information about the minor in educational studies and about teacher education at Fairfield. Admission information sessions for all programs are offered each semester, and the faculty of the Educational Studies and Teacher Preparation Department will be available for personal conferences throughout the year.

For further information, please contact:

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MINORITY TEACHER INCENTIVE GRANTS

The Minority Teacher Incentive Grant Program provides up to \$5000 a year for two years of full-time study in a teacher preparation program. As an added bonus, you may receive up to \$2,500 a year, for up to four years, to help pay off college loans if you teach in a Connecticut public elementary or secondary school. To qualify, you must be a full time college junior or senior of African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian-American, or Native American heritage, and be nominated by the teacher education faculty. To apply, obtain a nomination form from www.ctohe.org/sfa/pdfs/MTIPForm.pdf.

TEACHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions offers teaching internships for both certified and non-certified teachers studying for a master's degree or sixth year certificate at Fairfield. The internship gives you a year of full-time, hands-on experience in a public school setting and up to \$15,000 towards your studies, while offering local schools additional competent staff members and potential future employees.

For more information or an application, contact internship@fairfield.edu. You must be formally admitted to a master's degree program to be eligible.

