



Fairfield University

School of Nursing



RN TO BSN PROGRAM OPTION

Thinking about a BS in nursing?

Don't wait for your future to happen – create it yourself. Begin your journey with Fairfield University's RN-BSN program. Call the School of Nursing for an advising appointment today.

At Fairfield University, we understand what it's like to juggle your work, family, and academic life. That's why we've designed our program to be flexible, a mix of in-class, online, and hybrid courses, with a part-time schedule that can be tailored to suit your needs. Since we award you 30-34 nursing credits from the associate degree or diploma program you already have, you're on your way as soon as you enroll.

Fairfield's School of Nursing is renowned for its superior academics and excellent faculty. But we also take pride in our personal advisement – our program director meets with each and every student to assess his or her needs and provide guidance throughout the program. The program assistant provides guidance with registration and other administrative issues.

Students in the RN-BSN program must:

- Take all their nursing courses (19-22 credits) at Fairfield University
- Enroll in at least 9 additional credits of general education courses at Fairfield University (the final 30 credits of the degree must be taken uninterrupted at Fairfield University)
- Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher
- Complete the degree within 10 years. Students have completed the BSN in as little as two and a half years.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING

Humanities (36 credits in 12 courses)

English Composition

English Literature

Western Civilization

History elective

Visual & Performing Arts (two courses)

or 2 modern languages at intermediate level

Philosophy

Ethics

Religion

Humanities (three courses)*

* Select from Classics, Communication, Modern Language, or any of above disciplines

General Electives (9 credits in 3 courses)

Three courses

Social Science (12 credits in 4 courses)

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(four courses from at least two disciplines)

Math and Science (12-15 credits in 4 courses)

Science

Science/Math

Statistics



SEQUENCE OF NURSING COURSES (19-22 CREDITS)

Professional Nursing (3)

Health Assessment (3)

Research in Nursing (3)

Leadership & Management (3)

Public Health Nursing (4)

Transition: Professional Nursing (3)

Nursing Elective (3)

ADULT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Carole A. Pomarico

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Before entering the program, qualified students must:

- Possess an active (RN) registered nurse license
- Have completed an associate degree in nursing or diploma in nursing
- Schedule an interview with the Adult Program Director
- Complete an application at www.fairfield.edu/son_al

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following to:

Fairfield University

Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies Admission

Kelley Center

1073 North Benson Rd.

Fairfield, CT 06824

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/son_al
2. A non-refundable \$60 application fee. Application fee is waived for graduates of the CT Community College Nursing Program, St. Vincent's College and Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing.
3. A professional résumé
4. An admission essay
5. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended (all foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A list of approved evaluators can be found at www.fairfield.edu/eval)
6. Two recommendations, one of which must be from a current supervisor or professor
7. 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 IELTS.org. Fairfield's ETS code is 3390.

IMMUNIZATION

The State of Connecticut General Statutes and Fairfield University require each full-time or matriculating student to provide proof of immunity or screening against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, meningitis and tuberculosis. Matriculating students are defined as those enrolled in a degree seeking program. This includes both undergraduate and graduate students.

The following are mandatory:

1. Proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) (Students born before Jan. 1, 1957 are exempt). You must provide proof of one of the following:
 - Two MMR immunizations (one on or after your first birthday and after Jan. 1, 1969 AND one at least 28 days later and after Jan. 1, 1980), **OR**
 - Documentation of positive MMR titer (blood test), **OR**
 - Documentation of date of MMR disease by your health care provider
2. Proof of immunity to Varicella (Chicken Pox) (Students born in the U.S. before Jan. 1, 1980 are exempt). You must provide proof of one of the following:
 - Two varicella immunizations (one on or after your first birthday and one at least 28 days later), **OR**
 - Documentation of positive Varicella titer (blood test), **OR**
 - Documentation of date of varicella disease by your health care provider
3. Tuberculosis (TB) screening is required of all students.

Hepatitis B immunization is recommended. (This is not a requirement.)

Questions about the application process or requirements should be directed to the **Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies Admission:**

Phone: (203) 254-4184
Toll-Free: (888) 488-6840
Fax: (203) 254-4073
E-mail: gradadmis@fairfield.edu

ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION

Admission to the RN to BSN program is on a rolling basis. When your application is complete and reviewed, you will be notified of your status. NS 250 Professional Nursing is the linkage course to your BSN. Once this course is successfully completed, you are considered to be fully matriculated into the School of Nursing.

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2012/2013

Tuition: \$650/credit hour for less than 12 credit hours
\$20,545 per semester for 12 or more credit hours

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

There is a limited amount of need-based federal and university aid available. Financial aid programs consist of federal and university grants and federal student loans. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov at least four weeks prior to the start of the semester. Additional application information can be found online at www.fairfield.edu/csa_eligibility

We encourage all Fairfield University students to speak with a Financial Aid Counselor. Please contact the office.

Contact Information

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

Office Operations

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

Tax Deductions

Treasury regulation (1.162.5) permits an income tax deduction for educational expenses (registration fees and the cost of travel, meals, and lodging) undertaken to maintain or improve skills required in one's employment or other trade or business; or meet express requirements of an employer or a law imposed as a condition to retention of employment job status or rate of compensation.

Veterans Pride Program

Veterans may apply educational benefits to degree studies pursued at Fairfield University. To learn more about our enhanced financial aid benefits for veterans, see www.fairfield.edu/veterans.

Contact: Lindsay Johnson
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SCHOOL OF NURSING WEBSITE

www.fairfield.edu/nursing

ONLINE CATALOG

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