**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Sixth Year Certificate of Advanced Study (SYC) in Foundations in Education in the Department of Educational Studies and Teacher Preparation, is an advanced professional degree for experienced educational professionals and community educators who wish to deepen and expand their knowledge of teaching and learning in a socio-cultural context. Candidates for this degree may select a cluster/concentration from: Curriculum Studies; Literacy, Language and Culture; or Individual Design.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYC IN FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION**

Complete a minimum of 30 graduate credits.

1. Complete the following foundational core requirements: (12 credits)
   - ED 493  The Educational Imagination
   - ED 540  Ethics and Advocacy in Education Contexts
   - ED 534  Theories of Learning
   - ED 565  Principles of Curriculum Development and Evaluation

2. Complete a 12-credit concentration in one of the following areas:
   - Curriculum Studies
   - Literacy, Language, and Culture
   - Individual Design Cluster/Concentration

3. Complete a 6-credit Integrated Inquiry/Advocacy Course:
   - ED 552  Participatory Research and Advocacy in School and Community Settings
   - ED 590  Reflective Research Practicum in Teaching

**GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

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Dr. Calderwood is the faculty advisor for the Certificate of Advanced Study in Foundations in Education program. She is available to answer any specific questions you have about our program, discuss/develop a program of study for you, or to schedule an advising appointment.

For a complete faculty listing, see www.fairfield.edu/gseapfaculty.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants for a SYC degree must hold a bachelor’s and master’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 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.)
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. 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
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. 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.

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. Students seeking non-matriculated admission can find directions for doing so at www.fairfield.edu/gseap_adtypes.

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

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

Please contact the Dean’s Office at 203-254-4250 to schedule an appointment for non-matriculated advising.

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2016/2017
Tuition: $725 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.
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

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

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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.
For gainful employment disclosures, see www.fairfield.edu/gainfulemploy.