PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The School of Nursing offers an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree for individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing. The program begins in June and continues through graduation in August of the following year – a total of 15 months.

The Second Degree BSN program is designed to draw on your prior education and experience while allowing you to earn a second bachelor’s degree in an accelerated format. This previous knowledge serves as a foundation for nursing courses and helps you develop the social awareness, critical thinking skills, aesthetic sensibility and values that prepare you to sit for the NCLEX licensing exam. The program will empower you to become a leader in the nursing field.

COURSE OF STUDY

The Second Degree BSN program includes:

• 15-month, full-time intensive study
• Personalized advisement and career counseling
• Financial aid opportunities for qualified students
• The advantage of networking with other student nursing professionals
• Low faculty/student ratios that provide personal attention

SEQUENCE OF COURSES

First Summer Session (17 credits)
• Introduction to Professional Nursing (3 credits)
• Healthcare Delivery (3 credits)
• Health Assessment (4 credits)
• Geriatric Nursing (4 credits)
• Fundamentals of Nursing Care (3 credits)

Fall Semester (16 credits)
• Health and Wellness (4 credits)
• Basic Pathophysiology and Pharmacology (3 credits)
• Mental Health Nursing (4 credits)
• Medical Surgical Nursing I (5 credits)

Spring Semester (16 credits)
• Foundations of Research for Evidenced Based Practice (3 credits)
• Maternal and Newborn Nursing (4 credits)
• Pediatric Nursing (4 credits)
• Medical Surgical Nursing II (5 credits)

Second Summer Semester (11 credits)
• Professional Nursing Leadership (3 credits)
• Community, Public and Global Health Nursing (4 credits)
• Transition to Professional Practice (4 credits)

More detailed information is available on our website at www.fairfield.edu/nursingseconddegree.
4. 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)

5. Two recommendations, one of which must be from a current supervisor or professor.

6. 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 www.IELTS.org. Fairfield’s ETS code is 3390.

Submit transcripts and any other documents that cannot be uploaded to:
Fairfield University
Office of Part-Time & Continuing Studies Admission
Kelley Center
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

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 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 at (203) 254-4000 ext. 2241 or e-mail health@fairfield.edu.

ADMISSION DEADLINE
November 1 for June enrollment. Once your application is complete and reviewed, you will be notified of your status.

HOUSING
Fairfield University helps graduate students find housing options in the surrounding area. We have developed a web resource for graduate students to search for housing, connect with a realtor and post about roommate requests at www.fairfield.edu/gradstudenthousing. Please explore these options and contact gradstudentlife@fairfield.edu if you have any questions or further inquiries.

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID
Academic Year 2015-16
Tuition: $750 per credit

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.gov at least four weeks prior to the start of the semester. Additional information about applications and financing can be found online at www.fairfield.edu/ptaid.

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

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.

MORE INFORMATION
ADMISSION QUESTIONS
Questions about the application process should be directed to the Office of Part-Time & Continuing Studies Admission.
Phone: (203) 254-5532
Fax: (203) 254-4073
E-mail: ptadmiss@fairfield.edu

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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.