PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The EDNP is a practice-focused doctoral degree designed specifically for current nurse executives or nurse entrepreneurs who are seeking a terminal DNP degree to enhance their leadership and evidence-based skill sets and improve career choices. This program, which is based on a DNP core, offers specialized leadership courses and immersion experiences in area hospitals, healthcare systems and businesses. Designed as a cohort for working professionals, this program allows for part-time study with a flexible hybrid format. Students who complete the program earn a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Fairfield University.

COURSE OF STUDY
The EDNP program is a cohort program, which starts in September of each year and operates according to the University’s academic calendar, including two summer semesters. This program is delivered in a hybrid format. The sequence of courses will be offered over the course of three years, or eight semesters, ending in a spring semester. Students are required to complete a minimum of 32 credits for the EDNP.

CURRICULUM
YEAR 1
Fall Semester
• Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice
• Role Reflective Practice for DNPs

Spring Semester
• Epidemiology & Biostatistics
• DNP Seminar I

Summer Semester
• Clinical Prevention & Strategies for Change
• DNP Immersion (optional)

YEAR 2
Fall Semester
• Healthcare Economics & Marketing
• DNP Immersion (optional)

Spring Semester
• Leadership & Interprofessional Collaboration
• DNP Immersion (optional)

Summer Term
• Research Translation for Clinical Practice
• DNP Immersion

YEAR 3
Fall Semester
• Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement
• DNP Seminar II
• DNP Immersion

Spring Semester
• Advanced Healthcare Policy
• DNP Immersion

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applicants for the EDNP must hold a master’s degree in nursing from an accredited college or university (or the international equivalent), with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS
Entry to the EDNP program is once a year, in the fall semester. Applications to the program are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications are reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee. Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application. (Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/sonapp.)
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.

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4. **A personal statement:**
   - Discuss a practice problem in your field that, in your experience, has a broad impact on patient care outcomes.
   - State professional goals for the next 5-10 years.
   - Explain how a DNP will help you reach your goals.

5. **Official transcripts verifying completion of an undergraduate degree and master’s degree.** All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A complete list of approved evaluators can be found at [www.fairfield.edu/eval](http://www.fairfield.edu/eval).

6. **Two recommendation forms and letters,** one of which must be from a current supervisor or professor who can assess one’s clinical expertise and potential.

7. **Copy of current RN license.**

8. **Letter from Master’s program documenting supervised clinical hours completed in the program (if applicable).**

9. **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](http://www.IELTS.org). Fairfield’s ETS code is 3390.

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

**INTERVIEW PROCESS**

Applicants who meet the above criteria may be invited for an admission interview on campus, online, or on the phone.

**ADMISSION REVIEW**

Once a candidate has successfully completed the interview process, all Admission files are then reviewed on a rolling basis by the Admission Committee and applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

**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](http://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.

**TUITION/FINANCIAL AID**

Academic Year 2016/2017  
Tuition: $1,000 per credit hour

A graduate education can provide countless professional and personal rewards in the future. 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](http://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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**SCHOOL OF NURSING WEBSITE**

[www.fairfield.edu/nursing](http://www.fairfield.edu/nursing)

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE WEBSITE**

[www.fairfield.edu/dnp](http://www.fairfield.edu/dnp)

**ONLINE CATALOG**

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