



FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING



RN TO BSN PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 to 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.

COURSE OF STUDY

- Take all nursing courses (25 credits) at Fairfield University
- Enroll in at least 6 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.

CURRICULUM

Humanities (36 credits in 12 courses)

- English (EN 11 and EN 12)
- English Literature (100 level)
- Western Civilization
- History Elective
- Visual & Performing Arts (6 credits) or 2 Modern Languages at Intermediate Level
- Philosophy (6 credits)
- Ethics (3 credits)
- Religious Studies (6 credits)

Social Science (6 credits in 2 courses)

Math and Science (12 credits in 4 courses)

General Electives (12 credits in 4 courses)

SEQUENCE OF NURSING COURSES (25 CREDITS)

- Dimensions of Professional Nursing (3 credits)
- Health Assessment for RNs (3 credits)
- Healthcare Delivery (3 credits)
- Foundations of Research for Evidenced Based Practice (3 credits)
- Professional Nursing Leadership (3 credits)
- Community, Public and Global Health Nursing (4 credits)
- Transitional Seminar for Professional Nursing (3 credits)
- Nursing Elective (3 credits)

ADULT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Carole A. Pomarico

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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/rnbsnapp

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application
(Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/rnbsnapp)
2. A professional résumé
3. A personal statement
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).

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- Two recommendations, one of which must be from a current supervisor or professor
- 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 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 2015-16
Tuition: \$675 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.