



# FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE — NURSE MIDWIFERY

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nurse Midwifery concentration, is a full-time, partially frontloaded program, designed to meet the competencies for the practice doctorate in midwifery set forth by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) and to meet the standards set forth by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). Students who complete the full-time, 7-semester, 33-month program earn a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Fairfield University.

The program prepares students as expert nurse midwives for every stage and in every setting in which midwifery care is delivered to patients. Because nurse midwives are responsible for direct patient care, students gain hands-on experience in providing gynecologic, antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, newborn, and breastfeeding care under the supervision of CNM faculty. Nurse midwifery students will attend births in a variety of settings (hospital and birth center) with a heavy focus on normal physiological birth. They will also be prepared to recognize and co-manage high-risk obstetric and gynecologic cases within an interdisciplinary healthcare team.

In addition to becoming expert clinicians, graduates of the DNP program will be healthcare leaders who will care for a cohort of patients within their specialty, while using a cross-population perspective to assess, manage and evaluate common problems. Graduates will apply knowledge about organizations, business management, information technology and policy-making to improve systems of healthcare delivery. They are prepared to assume a variety of leadership roles including executive positions in healthcare organizations, directors of clinical programs and university based faculty positions with a clinical focus.

### COURSE OF STUDY

The Nurse Midwifery program starts in September of each year and operates continuously for the first year, independent of the University's academic calendar. The following 2 years align more closely with the University's academic calendar. In the first semester of study, students begin their clinical experience in the antepartum setting caring for pregnant woman and families. The culminating clinical experience, integration into midwifery practice, is in the last year of the program and allows the student to work one-on-one with a practicing midwife in all aspects of midwifery care, including attending births. They also continue to take required academic courses, including their DNP immersion, until the May graduation date. Upon graduation, students are eligible to sit for the certification examination administered by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB). Successful completion of this examination allows the new graduate to practice as a nurse midwife. Students are required to complete 74 credits for the DNP.

### CURRICULUM

#### FOUNDATION CORE

- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice
- Advanced Healthcare Policy
- Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice

#### ADVANCED PRACTICE CORE

- Advanced Health Assessment
- Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology

#### DNP CORE

- Population Health
- Research Translation for Clinical Practice
- Finance & Quality Management in Health Care Organizations
- Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement
- Leadership & Interprofessional Collaboration
- DNP Immersion
- DNP Seminar I & II

#### ADVANCED PRACTICE SPECIALTY NURSE MIDWIFERY

- Antepartum Care
- Antepartum Clinical
- Women's Primary Care & Gynecological Health I
- Women's Primary Care & Gynecological Health II
- Women's Primary Care & Gynecological Health Clinical
- Intrapartum Care
- Intrapartum Clinical
- Advanced Midwifery Management
- Advanced Midwifery Clinical
- Integration to Nurse Midwifery Practice

\* A minimum of 1,000 clinical/immersion hours are required for the DNP (1 credit = 50 hours).



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## CLINICAL

Nurse Midwifery students spend 5 semesters in the clinical arena working side-by-side practicing CNMs. As students progress through the clinical practicum experiences, they are given more autonomy in practice. By graduation, students are working one-on-one with CNMs, participating in all aspects of midwifery care. Clinical requirements average at least 20 births and a set number of experiences in other aspects of midwifery care meeting the requirement set forth by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME).

## NURSE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Dr. Jenna LoGiudice serves as the faculty advisor for the Nurse Midwifery program and is the appropriate person to contact with questions, or to learn more.

For a complete faculty listing, see [www.fairfield.edu/sonfaculty](http://www.fairfield.edu/sonfaculty).

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the DNP must demonstrate the following:

- A bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent). RN applicants who have a non-nursing bachelor's degree will be considered on an individual basis and may be required to complete select prerequisites to be eligible for admission to the DNP program.
- A grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Registered Nurse license to practice in the United States at the time of application. A Connecticut RN license will be required upon admission.
- A minimum of one year's work experience as an RN (preferably in women's health) is required.
- Current BCLS certification (must be maintained while in the program).

## FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

This cohort program begins once each year in September. Applicants to the program are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications are reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee.

Students seeking admission must submit the following online:

1. A completed application.  
(Apply online at [www.fairfield.edu/sonapp](http://www.fairfield.edu/sonapp).)
2. A non-refundable \$60 application fee.
3. A professional résumé. (Experience in women's health preferred)
4. Official transcripts verifying completion of an undergraduate degree. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service which can be found at [www.fairfield.edu/eval](http://www.fairfield.edu/eval).
5. Two (2) recommendations, including one from your current supervisor or professor who can assess your clinical expertise and potential.

6. Midwifery DNP admission essay: a three (3) page, double-spaced personal statement stating (a) why you want to be a nurse midwife, (b) your career goals for the next 5-10 years, and (c) your future contributions to the profession of nurse midwifery.
7. Copy of current RN license; licensure to practice in the state of Connecticut will be required upon admission.
8. 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.

## 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](mailto:health@fairfield.edu).

## TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2019-20  
Tuition: \$1,000 per credit hour (74 credits = \$74,000)  
Annual Hospital/Lab/Insurance fees: \$1,080 (3 years = \$3,240)  
Books: Approximately \$2,800/program

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

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### 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](mailto:gradadmis@fairfield.edu)

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## EGAN SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH STUDIES 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).

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

For a listing of the courses required, please refer to our course offerings for Nurse Midwifery at [www.fairfield.edu/midwifery](http://www.fairfield.edu/midwifery).

The midwifery program at Fairfield University is pre-accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME).

For information about accreditation please contact ACME directly:

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