

SCHOOL OF HUMAN SERVICES



Springfield College



Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services
Concentration in Community Youth Development and Leadership

Demand is Growing for Dedicated **YOUTH SERVICES PROFESSIONALS.**

Youth services is a growing and changing field responding to challenges arising from increasing poverty, crime, and other social strains. Today's communities need youth services professionals with the credentials and abilities to reach out to young people – to engage them in the decisions that will shape their growth as responsible citizens and future community leaders.

GAIN QUALIFICATIONS TO IMPACT YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUR CAREER.

To be an effective youth services professional and expand your opportunities, you will need to gain unique skills and the education to “professionalize” your experience, specialize your qualifications, and further help in the development of young people. If you are working in youth services in after school programs, recreation, drug prevention, agencies, group homes, or other areas, Springfield College's Bachelor's Degree in Human Services with a Concentration in Community Youth Development and Leadership can be your path to career advancement.

All of our students have experience in youth services, and many of them have completed some college courses. We value your experience and will award credits toward your degree for college-level knowledge that you have gained through qualified work experience, professional training, licenses, and certificates. In addition, we will accept credits for pertinent courses completed with a grade of at least C-minus at another regionally accredited institution of higher education.

Our program is tailored to fit into your work schedule with classes two weekends a month. Most students are able to complete their degree in 16-24 months.



AN EXCITING CURRICULUM BLENDS YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE LATEST KNOWLEDGE.

In the Community Youth Development and Leadership Concentration you will explore alternative approaches to youth work and see firsthand their impact on practice. Our program uniquely combines training in the best practices of youth leadership work and community development. It was created in response to the vital need for professional youth workers who are able to form adult/youth partnerships.

LEARN IN AN INVITING ENVIRONMENT WITH EXPERIENCED PEERS.

You will participate in an adult learning program where we value your contributions. Learning through dialog with your peers, you will integrate new knowledge that can be quickly useful in your work.

Your professors, who are practitioners in the field, will teach as facilitators, helping you and your classmates blend your ideas and your real world experiences. This collaborative approach, combined with learning of core knowledge, the latest information and best practices, will equip you with new approaches that can be put to immediate use at your job.

Our personable and professional staff will be with you every step of the way – from the application process to graduation.

TOP NOTCH ACADEMICS PREPARE YOU FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EDGE.

To help you hone your skills and gain an advantage in all facets of the youth service profession, you will earn 12 credits in required core classes, and then proceed to elective courses in areas such as counseling, criminal justice, and management. To graduate, you'll earn 120 credits altogether, 48 of which must be completed at Springfield College.

REQUIRED COURSES

- Alternative Theories in Youth Development
- Adolescent Development in Context
- Transformative Cross-Cultural Youth Leadership
- Building Competencies in Community Youth Work

A unique feature of the Springfield College Bachelor's Degree Program in Human Services is that all students identify a community need, and design and implement an action research project to address it. We will encourage you to select a project that gives you additional practical experience in youth services. Your project will advance your learning while serving your community.





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The adult education degree
for transforming careers
and communities



MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Start now to shape the direction of your career in youth services. We welcome your questions and are ready to help with your application. All campuses of the Springfield College School of Human Services offer programs leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services and a Master of Science Degree in Human Services. Each campus has its own special character, and some offer different specialized concentrations. Contact our central office in Springfield, Massachusetts, or any of our 11 regional campuses, to identify the campus closest to you which offers the Community Youth Development Concentration.

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San Diego
(619) 582-4002 or (877) 271-7155

Delaware

Wilmington
(302) 658-5720 or (800) 506-9270

Florida

Tampa Bay
(813) 936-2800 or (800) 724-2778

Massachusetts

Boston
(617) 242-3361 or (866) 272-9056

Springfield
(413) 748-3204 or (800) 727-0004

New Hampshire

Manchester
(603) 666-5700 or (800) 727-0504

South Carolina

Charleston
(843) 554-7244 or (866) 272-6004

Texas

Houston
(713) 681-1120 or (866) 252-8801

Vermont

St. Johnsbury
(802) 748-5402 or (800) 441-1812

Wisconsin

Milwaukee
(414) 276-2300 or (866) 271-2983



The Springfield College School of Human Services undergraduate program is accredited by The Council for Standards in Human Service Education.

The Springfield College School of Human Services collaborates with the BEST Initiative, a partnership with the National Training Institute for Community Youth Work in Washington, D.C., to provide advanced training for persons in the field of youth development.

Springfield College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.