

Top 10 reasons

to earn a **Bachelor of Science in Human Services** with a concentration in early childhood education.

- 1. Flexible Schedule**
Evenings, weekends, or online—choose a schedule that works for you.
- 2. A Sound Curriculum**
The best and brightest faculty experts and instructional designers mean an exciting, engaging, relevant program for you.
- 3. Promising Future**
The U.S. Department of Labor is forecasting greater than average growth in early childhood education.
- 4. Support for Adults and Other Students**
Your academic success coach and the academic resource connection are key components of the support readily available to you.
- 5. Credit for Prior Learning**
Earn undergraduate credit for prior learning and training, such as 18 credits for your Child Development Associate (CDA).
- 6. An Affordable Degree**
The combination of an accelerated format and reasonable tuition make this a surprisingly affordable program.
- 7. Student Projects**
Upgrade your résumé with hands-on community projects in the field of early childhood education and positively impact people before you even graduate.
- 8. National and Regional Recognition**
Our reputation and articulation agreements with organizations focused on early care will help to open doors for you.
- 9. Faculty Who Know Early Childhood Education**
The faculty bring real-life experience to your classroom based on early childhood education and community work.
- 10. Greater Good**
Learn with students from all walks and stages of life who are equally focused on making a better world for its youngest members.



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Springfield College offers the combination of regional accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education, consistent ranking in the top tier of "Best Regional Universities— North Region" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and a mission to educate the whole person in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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You are a teacher's aide, or a child care provider in your home, in a center, or in another setting. Or maybe you recently decided to turn your passion for working with young children into a career. A Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a concentration in early childhood education is your best choice for advancement or for improving your skills and your résumé.

In the Springfield College early childhood education concentration, you will learn to provide high-quality, developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive learning environments for young children. You also will become proficient in methods of supporting families and empowering communities in the interests of their youngest members.

Bring your learning to life.

The children you will work with thrive on the activity they find in their early care settings. Springfield College mirrors that energy in the authentic learning experiences that you and your classmates experience in the program.

The community action project is a unique feature of the Springfield College Bachelor of Science in Human Services. During two terms, you will work as a member of a student team to identify and research an early childhood need in your community, and design and implement a sustainable program to address that need. You will begin making a difference while you are a student in the program. These experiences build your confidence and your résumé.

Recent projects by students in our early childhood education concentration:

- Developing an Anti-bullying Training Program in the Early Childhood Community
- It Should Not Hurt To Be a Child: Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Campaign
- Creating a community planning committee for the Northeast Kingdom Boys and Girls Club in Lyndonville, Vt.
- Children are Everything: Creating Greater Awareness of Autism
- Healthy Lifestyle: Nutrition and Fitness for Children and Adults

Create Your Own Flexible Schedule

We offer you Bachelor of Science in Human Services course delivery options so that you can build a schedule that works around your busy life. Choose a fully online program or a hybrid program, which includes a mix of online courses and hybrid courses with both face-to-face and online hours. Whichever you choose, we are prepared to support you. Please note that all concentration courses are delivered online.

Hybrid Evening Courses

These classes take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings (typically twice per month) and feature additional online coursework.

Hybrid Weekend Courses

These classes take place Saturdays and Sundays (typically twice per month) and feature additional online coursework.

Fully Online Courses

All coursework is completed online in a social and interactive learning environment.

Careers in Early Childhood Education

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the employment of early childhood education workers is projected to grow 10 percent and 11 percent for child care center directors, by 2026. This is a faster increase in employment growth than on average for all occupations.

A bachelor's degree and experience in early childhood education are typically required to become a preschool and child care center director. In many regions, a bachelor's degree is required in order to work as an early childhood educator or administrator. However, the educational requirements can vary by state. Some states or employers require workers to have a nationally recognized credential, such as the Child Development Associate (CDA). Springfield College awards 18 undergraduate credits to students who have completed requirements for the CDA.

Early Childhood Education Concentration Curriculum

The Springfield College concentration offers two tracks in early childhood education. Choose the classroom-based track if you want to prepare for a career in teaching, or the administration track if you are interested in an administrative career in early care for children. All concentration courses are fully online.

Required Courses (12 credits)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Development • Ethical and Professional Standards of Early Childhood Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity and Multicultural Perspectives in Early Childhood Education • Early Childhood Education Internship*
*For students without documented early childhood education experience within the last two years	
Classroom-based Track (12 credits)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Early Childhood Education • Children with Special Needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education Classroom Management • Assessment and Documentation in Early Childhood Education
Administration Track (12 credits)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Early Childhood Education • Basic Management Skills for Early Childhood Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Evaluation in Early Childhood Education • Additional concentration course

To graduate, you will need 120 credits, 45 of which must be completed at Springfield College. In order to earn a bachelor's degree with the early childhood education concentration, you must take the 12 required credits in early childhood education, plus an additional 12 credits in your chosen track (classroom-based or administration). You may take the required and elective courses at Springfield College, or transfer in courses from other regionally accredited higher education institutions. Credits also may be awarded through the experiential learning process.

“I apply what I learned at Springfield College every day in my classroom. We work hard to make the children and their families feel welcomed, to build community within the classroom, and provide a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for children.”

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