Top 10 reasons to earn a bachelor’s in human services with a concentration in early childhood education.

1. **Weekend Classes**
   Attend classes on two weekends per month without disrupting your early childhood work schedule and your family responsibilities.

2. **16 to 24 Months**
   Earn a bachelor’s degree in 16 to 24 months, saving you time and money.

3. **Support for Adults**
   Get the academic support you need as an adult from attentive faculty and staff from the Academic Success Center at your campus.

4. **Credit for Prior Learning**
   Earn up to 15 credits for National Head Start Association (NHSA) Academy Training, and as many as 18 credits for successful completion of Child Development Associate (CDA) courses. You also can receive credit for knowledge gained from personal and professional experiences.

5. **An Affordable Degree**
   The combination of an accelerated format, affordable tuition, and knowledgeable staff to help you navigate the financial aid process makes this a surprisingly affordable program.

6. **Relevant and Current**
   Stay current in the field of early childhood education with a curriculum that addresses current trends and best practices in early care and education.

7. **Student Projects**
   Start making real change with your community service project, in which you will take a leadership role in early childhood education in your community. These three-term projects have become the hallmark of School of Professional and Continuing Studies programs.

8. **Web-enhanced Classroom**
   Enrich your learning and résumé with an online classroom component that will strengthen the skills you need as a professional in the field.

9. **Outstanding Faculty**
   Learn from faculty members who have worked in early childhood education and are eager to share their experiences.

10. **National and regional recognition**
    Get connected with the local, regional, and national organizations that Springfield College and its School of Professional and Continuing Studies have articulation agreements with.

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**There is a regional campus near you.**

For more detailed information, visit springfield.edu/pcs, call (800) 727-0004, or contact the regional campus that you are interested in attending.

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  (866) 252-8801

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  (800) 506-9270

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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 have 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 advancing in your position 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.

Early Childhood Education Concentration Curriculum

We offer two tracks in early childhood education—the classroom-based track is for students in or preparing for careers in teaching, and the administration track is for students seeking administrative careers in early care for children.

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* For students without documented early childhood education experience within the last two years

To graduate, you will need 120 credits, 48 of which must be completed at Springfield College. In order to earn a bachelor’s degree with Early Childhood Education concentration, you must have the 12 required credits in Early Childhood Education, plus an additional 12 credits in your chosen track (classroom-based or administration). You round out your schedule with compelling elective courses. Students may transfer in credits from accredited institutions of higher education with a grade of C- or higher. In addition, undergraduate students may request credit for college-level learning for prior work, training, life, and other relevant experiences as outlined by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). For more information, visit springfield.edu/humanservices.

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Unlike many institutions of higher education, Springfield College offers the combination of regional accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and consistent ranking in the top tier of “Best Regional Universities—North Region” by U.S. News & World Report. Springfield College’s mission is to educate the whole person in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.