



## Undergraduate Admissions Frequently Asked Questions

### VISITS

#### What is the best way for me to get a feel for the campus?

- Joining us for an in-person or virtual visit is the best way to see yourself as a student at Springfield College. We offer a number of visit options depending on your comfort level. You can join us any Monday through Saturday for either an in-person informational session or a virtual one. Our in-person visits consist of an informational session with a member of our admissions staff followed by a guided tour of campus. There also are a number of recorded sessions and tours of campus that are available right on our website. Learn more and register for your visit at [springfield.edu/visit](http://springfield.edu/visit).

#### Do you still offer on-campus tours?

- Yes! Please schedule your visit with us online through our website. We have new policies in place due to COVID-19 and we are working hard to maintain the utmost safety standards. These include, but are not limited to, pre-registration, signed consent that you have no symptoms/haven't been in contact with someone with COVID-19, limiting the number of guests on tours, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting across campus, requiring the wearing of masks at all times, and social distancing markers. Learn more and register for your visit at [springfield.edu/visit](http://springfield.edu/visit).

#### How do I go about scheduling an interview with the admissions office staff?

- Please reach out to [admissions@springfield.edu](mailto:admissions@springfield.edu) to request an interview. You will be connected with a member of our admissions team to schedule an in-person (following the Commonwealth of Massachusetts guidelines) or virtual interview. Want to know who your admissions counselor is? Visit [springfield.edu/admissions](http://springfield.edu/admissions) to meet our staff.

### APPLICATIONS

#### What is the difference between Early Action and Early Decision?

- Springfield College offers Early Decision 1 or 2, as well as rolling admissions, for any students who are interested in applying. We do require all of our physician assistant applicants to apply Early Decision. Early Decision is a binding agreement between the student, their parent or guardian, and their counselor that essentially means if you are accepted to Springfield College, you will submit your enrollment deposit to Springfield College and withdraw your applications to all other schools. Students should only apply as Early Decision to one school. Note: If you are not accepted to your intended major, or are accepted and your financial aid package makes it so that you would not be able to attend, you will not be required to uphold that Early Decision agreement.

#### When will I hear if I am accepted or not?

- We operate on a rolling admissions basis, which means that once we receive all of your application materials, your application moves into review and we do our best to get a decision to you as quickly as possible. Should you be accepted to Springfield College, we send notification to the staff in our Office of Financial Aid and they begin packaging your financial aid award—if your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been received. Early Decision 1 candidates are guaranteed an admissions decision by Feb. 1. Early Decision 2 candidates are guaranteed an admissions decision by March 1.

### **Have deadlines changed at all because of COVID-19?**

- Deadlines remain the same as in previous years. For any of our non-limited enrollment programs we are still on a rolling admissions basis. Please be mindful of the following deadlines:
  - Early Decision 1: Dec. 1 application deadline, Jan. 1 credential deadline
  - Early Decision 2: Jan. 15 application deadline, Feb. 1 credential deadline
  - Physical Therapy: Dec. 1 application deadline, Jan. 15 credential deadline
  - Occupational Therapy: Jan. 15 application deadline, Feb. 1 credential deadline

### **Are SAT/ACT scores required for fall 2021 applicants?**

- Springfield College is test optional for all programs for fall 2021 applicants. If students choose to submit test scores, they can be sent directly to our office at [admissions@springfield.edu](mailto:admissions@springfield.edu). Additional credentials, including letters of recommendation and any additional information can be emailed to [admissions@springfield.edu](mailto:admissions@springfield.edu).

## **ATHLETICS**

### **I want to play a sport in college, but I'm not sure how to get in contact with the coach.**

- The easiest way to reach out to a coach is via the athletics website at [springfield.edu/athletics](http://springfield.edu/athletics). All coaches have contact information available, so you can either call or email them. There also is a recruitment form if you would like to be recruited. You can access and complete the recruitment form on our athletics web page.

## **OTHER**

### **How do I access PrideNET and/or my Springfield College gmail account? Is this the same place as my financial aid portal?**

- Should you be offered admission to Springfield College, you will receive an email from our Technology Solutions Center following your acceptance. This email will be sent to your personal email address on record and will include instructions to sign into your PrideNET account, including your username and password. Through PrideNET, you'll have access to your Springfield College email account, or as we like to call it, your PrideMail.

One week following your admissions decision, you'll receive two emails to your Springfield College email address from our Office of Financial Aid. One email will contain your ID and the other will include your Web ID to set up your financial aid account. A third email will be sent to your personal email address on record letting you know of the important emails that were sent to your Springfield College email address.

### **My school went pass/fail last spring. Will this affect my application negatively?**

- We understand that many schools changed their grading system as a result of the pandemic and switched to remote learning. As a result, we will accept Pass, Credit, and Satisfactory grades for the semesters disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

### **Will my financial aid take the COVID-19 pandemic or any family financial contribution changes into consideration?**

- Because the FAFSA does not take into account 2019-20 financial information, this information will not appear on your financial aid application. However, if you have experienced a change in your financial situation due to COVID-19, or any other factors, please connect with our Office of Financial Aid staff to complete an appeal. To submit an appeal, the staff will need a written statement explaining any changes and 2020 year-to-date pay stubs or W2's after Jan. 1, 2021. Additional documents may be requested by our financial aid counselors as your appeal is reviewed. Our financial aid staff also reserves the right to collect 2020 tax information before we disburse any funds.

### **How can I contact the Office of Financial Aid staff if I have question about my award?**

- Our Office of Financial Aid staff can be reached at [financialaid@springfield.edu](mailto:financialaid@springfield.edu) or (413) 748-3108.