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A photograph of a man in a green t-shirt and a young girl in a pink and white striped t-shirt. The man is standing behind the girl, looking at her as she holds a bow. They are outdoors in a wooded area. A large maroon diagonal shape is overlaid on the left side of the image.

COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
RECREATION MANAGEMENT**

Hybrid or online degree

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Top 10 reasons



to earn a **Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management** with a concentration in **community youth development and leadership**.

1.

Flexible Schedule

Weekends or online—choose a schedule that works for you.

2.

The Greater Good

Learn with students from all walks and stages of life who are equally focused on transforming their communities.

3.

Growing Field

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, job outlooks in social and community service managers and recreation workers will increase by 13 percent and 8 percent, respectively, from 2016 to 2026. These high demand positions translate to rewarding opportunities.

4.

Support for Adults and Other Students

Your academic advisor and the academic success center connection are key components of the support readily available to you.

5.

Open New Doors

Position yourself for a wide variety of professions in the recreation field.

6.

An Affordable Degree

The combination of an accelerated format and reasonable tuition make this a surprisingly affordable program.

7.

Relevant and Current Courses

The community youth development and leadership concentration offers courses that reflect the healthy development of youth in spirit, mind, and body. Elective coursework includes a focus on management, counseling, and community development.

8.

Student Projects

Upgrade your résumé with hands-on community projects in the field of community youth development that impact people before you even graduate.

9.

Faculty Who Know

Learn from exceptional faculty members who bring real-life experience to your classroom based on field expertise, and agency and community work.

10.

National and Regional Recognition

The reputation of Springfield College and its articulation agreements with organizations focused on community youth development and leadership will help to open doors for you.





“As a Boys and
Girls Club leader,
I have applied
different strategies
and concepts from
my community youth
development and
leadership concentration
classes that have allowed
me to be a more efficient leader
and impact many young lives.”

Thomas Colon '17,
Community Youth Development
and Leadership Concentration

Empower the next generation.

Youth services is a growing and changing field which is built on the foundation of empowering youth, respecting individuality, providing safe environments, and providing contact with caring adults. 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.

Careers in Community Youth Development and Leadership

The Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management with a concentration in community youth development and leadership prepares you for positions and careers in:

- Nonprofit Administration (e.g., YMCA/Boys & Girls Clubs)
- Recreation Center Manager
- Youth Development Specialist
- Youth Program Director
- Youth and Family Advocacy
- Recreation Coordinator
- Social and Community Service Managers
- Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention

The coming decade holds promising outlooks for recreation professionals with bachelor's degrees. The U.S. Department of Labor is predicting that employment for social and community service managers and recreation workers will increase by 13 percent and 8 percent, respectively, by 2026.

Create Your Own Flexible Schedule

We offer you Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management 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 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.

Community Youth Development and Leadership Concentration Curriculum

Required Courses

(12 credits)

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

Sample Elective Courses

(12 credits)

- Grant Writing and Fundraising
- Introduction to Community Organizing
- Volunteerism and Human Services
- Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Social Services
- Human Growth and Development
- Family Counseling
- Violence and Social Control

To graduate, you will need 120 credits, 45 of which must be completed at Springfield College. In order to earn a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management with the community youth development and leadership concentration, you must take the 24 required concentration and major credits, plus an additional 12 elective credits. Students 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.

Practical Experience in Community Youth Agencies

An internship in a youth services organization is the culmination of your recreation management program. The internship is designed to aid students in developing practical knowledge in a youth service agency by shadowing and learning from more experienced professionals. Ultimately, an internship in a community youth agency will grow your resume, enhance your understanding of current issues, help you gain valuable work experience, and grow your professional network. Our internship requirements are flexible and designed for working students. Internships may be completed over multiple semesters, and students with industry related experience may use this towards their internship requirement.



TRANSFORM YOUR CAREER AND YOUR COMMUNITY

We are here for you.

For more detailed information, visit springfield.edu/adultlearning or contact the regional campus that you are interested in attending. Knowledgeable staff are available to help you navigate the application and financial aid process.

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Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management with a concentration in community youth development offered in:

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Springfield College is a well-respected, regionally accredited, nonprofit institution of higher learning.

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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