

Top 10 reasons

to earn a Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a concentration in substance use disorder counseling.

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

Skilled substance abuse counselors are in high demand, translating directly into rewarding opportunities for you.

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. Plus your perspective will benefit class discussions.

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 addictions and substance abuse that positively impact people before you even graduate.

8. Greater Good

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

9. National and Regional Recognition

Springfield College's reputation and articulation agreements with organizations focused on addiction studies counseling will help to open doors for you.

10. Faculty Who Know Human Services

The faculty bring real-life experience to your classroom based on field expertise, and agency and community work.



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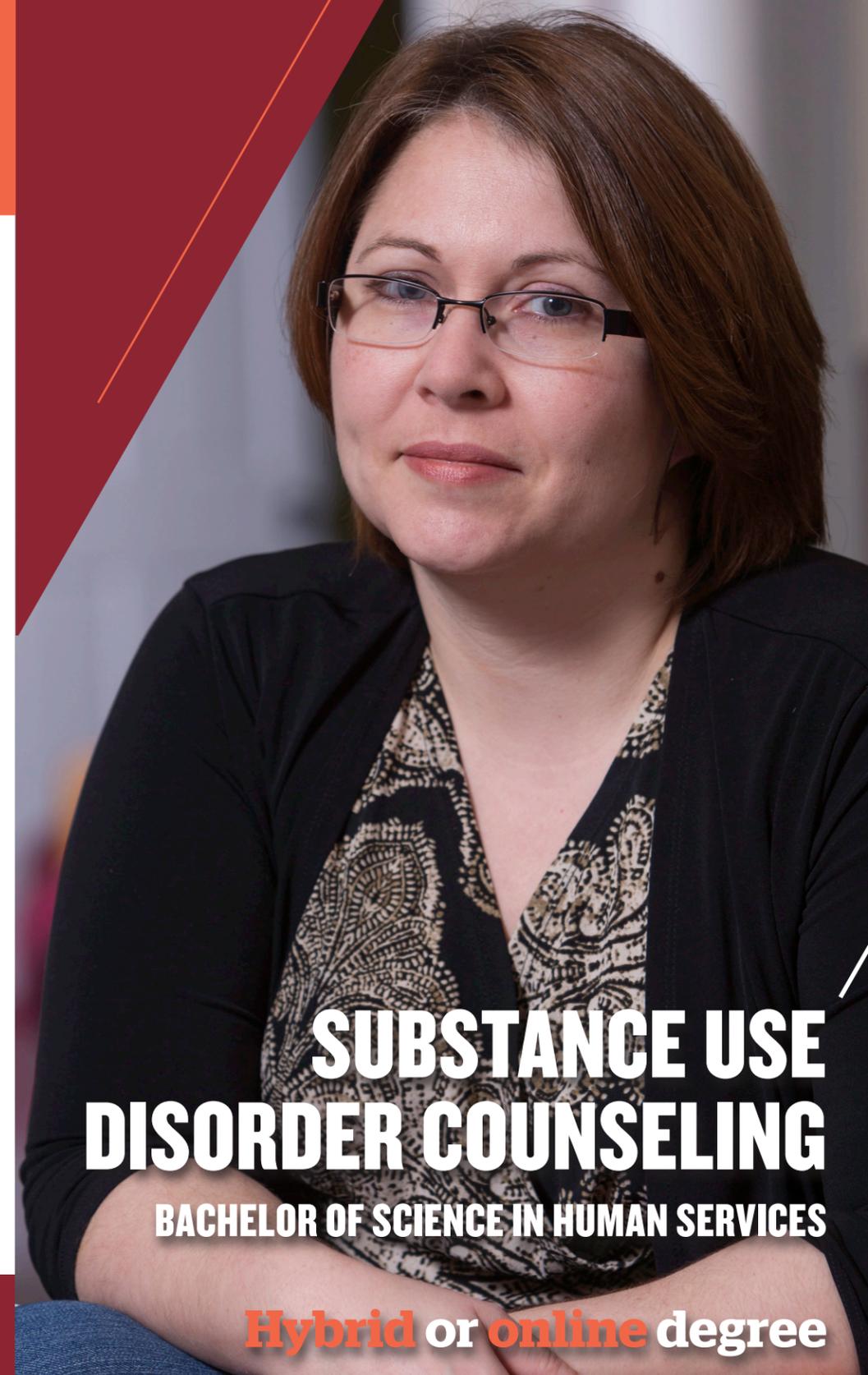
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Springfield College is a well-respected, regionally accredited, nonprofit institution of higher learning.

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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“Because my instructors were working in the field themselves, they were able to share emerging issues that were true to life. I am now the co-owner of an intensive outpatient treatment program, and can thank Springfield College faculty for their help in getting me here”

Heather Martin '12, G'14,
Co-owner, Valle Consulting

Addiction and substance use disorders impact all of us. Our communities, our families, and our spirit continue to be damaged by addiction and substance abuse. In light of statistics from the American Society of Addiction Medicine that estimate 21.5 million Americans have substance use disorders and that the number of fatalities is on the rise, addiction prevention counseling is at a critical juncture. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs cost the United States more than \$740 billion a year related to lost work productivity, health care, and more.

You are the hope. In the Springfield College substance use disorder counseling concentration, you'll discover how to make a positive difference as an addiction and prevention professional and learn to help those who need it most.

Careers in Addiction Studies

As an addiction and prevention professional, you'll be engaged in meaningful work in a demanding field. The U.S. Department of Labor is predicting that careers in substance abuse counseling requiring bachelor's degrees will increase by 23 percent by 2026, and the need for related community and social service specialists will increase by 14 percent during that same time period.

Through our program, which offers academic and practical lessons in substance abuse theory, prevention, and treatment, you will advance in a fulfilling career, helping those who suffer with addictions to manage their conditions.

Graduates of our Bachelor of Science in Human Services program with a concentration in substance use disorder counseling work in outpatient and inpatient addiction centers, nursing and residential care facilities, individual and family service agencies, state and local government offices, and other state, local, and private hospitals and centers.

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.

Bring learning to life.

Students in the substance use disorder counseling concentration participate in hands-on community projects involving substance use research, prevention, and treatment.

Recent projects by students in our substance use disorder counseling concentration:

- Addressing the Effects and Consequences of Substance Abuse among African-American Males
- Serenity EROS (Empowering Recovering Opportunities for Success)
- The Broken Bird Transitional Housing Program
- Methadone to Abstinence Program
- All in for Springfield: addressing gambling addiction on campus

Substance Use Disorder Counseling Concentration Curriculum

Required Courses (12 credits)	Sample Elective Courses (12 credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Use Disorder: Education and Prevention • Social and Political Issues of Substance Use Disorder • Addictions Counseling • Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards for Substance Use Disorder Counselors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature, Assessment, and Treatment of Food Addiction • Dynamics of Case Management • Public Health Policies for Obesity and Food Addiction • Crisis Intervention • Adolescent Development in Context • Coping with Disease and Death • Family Counseling and Understanding Diverse Cultures • Law and Legal Advocacy

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 Human Services with the substance use disorders concentration, you must take the 12 required credits in substance use disorders, 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.