

Springfield College News

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New Master of Education in Adventure Education Begins in Fall 2024

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Springfield College is proud to unveil its online Master of Education in Adventure Education program.

The Adventure Education program appeals to a variety of career goals, including advancing one’s career or enhancing a related undergraduate degree. The program is also ideal for providing advanced academic training for individuals employed or planning to seek employment as physical educators, recreation leaders, and/or youth development professionals in academic, community, and youth-serving agencies.

“If you are a physical education teacher or outdoor adventure professional, this online Adventure Education degree was designed for you. This unique program intentionally blends professional development workshops provided by high-quality outdoor adventure agencies and meaningful online courses that culminate with an applied project focused on your professional work,” said Ted France III, Springfield College professor of Physical Education. “If you are looking to gain more experience while you pursue a graduate degree or professional licensure then this program has been designed to help you reach your goals.”

The core of the adventure education graduate degree centers around critical components within the field: theory, risk assessment, programmatic design, and implementation of experiential education programs. The 33-credit program begins in September 2024. The degree can be earned within two to three years, or at one’s own pace.

Students have the option of earning up to 9 credits by attending professional development workshops at High 5 Adventure Learning Center, a nonprofit educational organization that promotes leadership skills, personal growth, and team development through adventure-based programs in Brattleboro, Vt.

“We are excited to offer our services to support students in attaining a master's degree in this field,” said Jennifer Ottinger, executive director of High 5. “Our programs align perfectly with Springfield College's curriculum and goals for this program, and it's a part of our mission to help individuals build their careers in this impactful field of work. We look forward to greeting Springfield College students at our Vermont campus this fall.”

As part of the curriculum, students will be required to complete a capstone project, which aims to demonstrate a student’s mastery of a field of study. More information on the Adventure Education program can be found at springfield.edu/adventureed.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. The College serves undergraduate and graduate students at its main campus in Springfield, Massachusetts and online. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy – educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.