CHILD DEVELOPMENT, C.A.S.

The Certificate of Applied Science in Child Development builds early childhood professional knowledge, skills, and abilities so graduates can prepare, facilitate, and assess learning environments that are engaging and playful to promote social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. (COLL 101 ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE is a WVUP requirement and **is not counted in the degree total,** but is still a required course. 1 credit hour)

Field/Clinical Course

These courses have a component that requires placement in a child development setting and a completed CDEV file. The amount of hours can be found on the Academic Map tab.

Career Ladder

CDEV is designed as a career ladder with multiple entry and exit points. Students can earn a Certificate of Applied Science in Child Development. In just one more year, you can earn an Associate of Applied Science in Child Development without losing credits. In two years of study beyond the associates degree, you can earn a Bachelor of Applied Science in Child Development without losing credits.

Students should average 15 credit hours per semester, or 30 per year, to graduate on time.

Total Degree Credits: 30

Course	Title	Hours
Semester 1		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE [3]	0
EDUC 250	INTRO TO EARLY EDUCATION	3
CDEV 105	FAMILY & THE CHILD [1]	3
CDEV 210	CUR & STRAT EARLY CHLDHD PGMS [2]	3
Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr) Elective		3
Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr) Elective		3
	Hours	**15**
Semester 2		
CDEV 205	YOUNG CHILDREN W/SPECIAL NEEDS [2]	3
PSYC 241	~INTRO TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	3
CDEV 155	GUIDING YOUNG CHILDREN [2]	3
EDUC 255	LANG ARTS & EMERGENT LITERACY	3
CDEV 240	OBSERVATION & ASSESSMENT SKILL [1]	3
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours	**30**

[1] Field/Clinical Course - 10 Hours

[2] Field/Clinical Course - 20 Hours

[3] Required 1-credit hour course, but is not counted in the degree total.

Degree requires a total of 30 credit hours. [Core Course Credit Hours : 6]

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE [1]	0
Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr)		3
Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr)		3
Program Courses		
PSYC 241	~INTRO TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT [2]	3
EDUC 250	INTRO TO EARLY EDUCATION	3
CDEV 105	FAMILY & THE CHILD	3
CDEV 210	CUR & STRAT EARLY CHLDHD PGMS	3
CDEV 205	YOUNG CHILDREN W/SPECIAL NEEDS	3
CDEV 155	GUIDING YOUNG CHILDREN	3
CDEV 240	OBSERVATION & ASSESSMENT SKILL	3

EDUC 255	LANG ARTS & EMERGENT LITERACY	3
Total Hours		**30**

[1]   Institutional Graduation Requirement, but does not count in the degree total.

[2]   Changes are being made to the CAS CDEV Program to provide more options for general education courses as requested by the WVUP Institution. The foundational learning course PSYC 241 ~INTRO TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT is required to meet standards outlined by the WV Department of Education.