

Westmoreland County Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Arts Elementary Education PreK-4 A.A. leading to

Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and Family Studies B.S.

– Child Development (Online)

Suggested Plan of Study



Westmoreland County Community College	Hours	WVU Equivalents	Hours
Year One, 1 st Semester			
PDV 101: First Year Seminar	1	WVUE 191: First Year Seminar	1
^ECE 155: Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	C&I 411: Early Childhood Education 2	3
ECE 157: Child Growth & Development	3	CDFS 212: Development in Early and Middle Childhood ^(Required)	3
ENG 161: College Writing	3	ENGL 101: Composition and Rhetoric	3
**MTH 180: Elements of Mathematics I	3	C&I 431: Math Methods for Elementary Teachers 1	3
PSY 160: Introduction to Psychology or SOC 155: Introduction to Sociology or PSY 161: Human Growth Development	3	PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology or *PSYC 241: Intro to Human Development ^(Recommended; Sub for CDFS 110)	3
TOTAL	16		16
Year One, 2 nd Semester			
Restricted Elective	3	Elective	3
ECE 165: Family & Society	3	CDFS 413: Stress in Families ^(Required)	3
ECE 166: Early Childhood Language and Literacy	3	RDNG 423: Literacy and the Young Child	3
**MTH 185: Elements of Mathematics II	3	C&I 433: Math Methods for Elementary Teachers 2	3
PHL 161: Introduction to Ethics	3	PHIL 100: Problems of Philosophy	3
TOTAL	15		15
Year Two, 1 st Semester			
Natural Science with Lab Elective	4	General Elective	4
ECE 257: Introduction to Exceptional Development	3	SPED 404: Special Education in Contemporary Society	3
^ECE 255: Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3	C&I 411: Early Childhood Education 1 ^(Duplicate)	3
ECE 256: Assessment & Observation of Young Children	3	C&I 410: Early Childhood Education 1	3
ENG 255: Intro to Literature	3	ENGL 132: Short Story and Novel	3
TOTAL	16		16
Year Two, 2 nd Semester			
ENG 250: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3	C&I 311 + C&I 3TC: ELL and Language Acquisition for Elementary Teachers	3
ECE 167: Creative Experiences	3	C&I 414: Creative Experiences in Early Childhood	3
ECE 284: Early Childhood Education Practicum	4	CDFS 2TC	4
HIS 155 or HIS 156 or HIS 255 or HIS 256	3	HIST 101 or HIST 102 or HIST 152 or HIST 153	3
ECE 156: Infant & Toddler Development ^(Restricted Elective)	3	CDFS 211 ^(Required)	3
TOTAL	16		16

West Virginia University			
Year Three, 1 st Semester		Year Three, 2 nd Semester	
CDFS 112: Introduction to Family Processes and Dynamics	3	CDFS 250: Research Methods (Spring Only)	3
CDFS 210: Introduction to Parenting	3	CDFS 416: Trauma, Resiliency, and Children	3
CAHS 300: Career Exploration in Applied Human Sciences	3	Required Minor Course ⁽²⁾	3
Required Minor Course ⁽¹⁾	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Year Four, 1 st Semester		Year Four, 2 nd Semester	
ECSE 315: Home-Based Programs for Early Intervention (Fall Only) or ECSE 311: Developmental Assessment for Young Children with Special Needs (Spring Only)	3	CAHS 489: Capstone Experience in AHS	3
CDFS 432: Early Socio-Emotional Development (Fall Only) or CDFS 410: The Science of Positive Youth Development (Spring Only) or CDFS 412: Adolescent Development	3	Required Minor Course ⁽⁵⁾	3
CDFS 417: Families and Health (Fall Only)	3	General Elective	3
Required Minor Course ⁽³⁾	3	General Elective	3
Required Minor Course ⁽⁴⁾	3	General Elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15

Requirements for CDFS On-Campus Majors and Online Majors

- Earn a C- or better in all CDFS coursework.
- Comply with field and major professional and dispositional standards.
- Enter with a 2.0 overall GPA.

Students can work with their faculty advisor to select between course options when “or” options are presented. Students need to be mindful of “Fall Only” and “Spring Only” options when planning semester course schedules.

Note: Students must earn grades of C- or better in all courses with the CDFS course designator required in the major and associated areas of emphasis. If a student’s overall GPA drops below 2.0, they may be subject to academic probation and potentially dismissal from the program.

[^]ECE 155 and ECE 255 are equivalent to the same WVU C&I 411. Due to this the student will need to complete an additional 3-credit hours to complete the required 120-credit hours for graduation.

****Students must complete both MTH 180 & MTH 185 successfully to earn the equivalencies of C&I 431 & C&I 433.**

Students transferring to West Virginia University with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will have satisfied the General Education Foundation requirements at WVU.

Students who have questions regarding this articulation agreement or the transferability of coursework may contact the WVU Office of the University Registrar. All other questions should be directed at the WVU Office of Admissions.

The above transfer articulation of credit between West Virginia University and Westmoreland County Community College, is approved by the Dean, or the Dean’s designee, and effective the date of the signature.

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Sep 5, 2025

Print Name

Signature

Date

Valerie Wayda, Ed.D., Associate Dean for Student Success – College of Applied Human Sciences