

**Program Description:**

The Occupational Developmental Degree in Child Development Specialist is designed to meet two major needs:

1. To provide for cooperatively sponsored educational opportunities leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree for students in approved apprenticeship training programs;
2. To provide a mechanism for Mountwest Community & Technical College to deliver educational programs to individuals employed in the Child Development field.

The United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeships and Training (BAT) identify eligible apprenticeships. Components of the program include the following: general education courses, classroom instruction in child development, and on-the-job training.

Occupational Development students must meet all admission and performance standards. Credits earned through either registered apprenticeship programs or through industry-based education and training programs will not be added to the students' collegiate transcripts until they have completed three program credit hours from Mountwest Community & Technical College and have obtained at least a 2.00 GPA.

The Occupational Development Degree in Child Development Specialist will prepare the student for employment in daycare centers, Head Start Programs, and other early childhood learning centers. The Child Development Specialist graduate will possess:

- Supervisory skills.
- Computer software skills.
- Relevant essential math skills.
- Written and oral communication skills.

**Career Outlook:**

For the most current information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Occupational Outlook Handbook" found at [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/).

**Employment Opportunities:**

- Child care
- Child care supervisor

**Admission Requirements:**

The college adheres to an open admissions policy which means applicants with a high school diploma or a GED are eligible for admission.

**Salary Forecast:**

For the most current salary information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Occupational Outlook Handbook" found at [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/).

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**Child Development Specialist<sup>1, 2</sup>- Major Code - C010 • Concentration Code – C012**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>ID Number 942-</b>
<b>Counselor:</b>	
<b>Faculty Advisor:</b>	

**COURSE REQUIRED**

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
ENL 101	Written Communication <sup>3</sup>		3				
COM 112	Oral Communication		3				
IT 101	Fundamentals of Computers (EDGE)		3				
	General Education Elective		3				
	Laboratory Science Course <sup>4</sup>		3-4				
	Quantitative Skills Course <sup>4</sup>		3				
	Social Science Course <sup>5</sup>		3				
			21-22				
	Occupational Component Elective <sup>2</sup>		7				
	Classroom Training in Child Development <sup>6</sup>		20				
			27				
	On-The-Job Training in Occupation <sup>7, 8, 9</sup> A letter verifying completion of contact hours must be received by the Dean’s Office, located in the Mountwest Community & Technical College Building, Room 321 prior to applying for graduation for credit to be awarded.						
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	<b>HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 60</b>						

**Earn A Degree Graduate Early (EDGE):**

This program provides students the opportunity to receive credit for their high school EDGE courses.

- <sup>1</sup> Students may enter this program with no prior experience, but must complete approved Child Development Apprenticeship before being eligible for graduation.
- <sup>2</sup> Child Development Associate (CDA) may fulfill 12 credit hours of electives in Occupational Component Electives, otherwise contact advisor for selecting course to fulfill this requirement.
- <sup>3</sup> Fulfills Mountwest General Education and State Communication Skills requirement for Occupational Development Degree. ENL 101 has a prerequisite of placement in 100-level English or a co-requisite of ENL 095. Students must complete ENL 101 with a "C" or better to graduate.
- <sup>4</sup> Six total Quantitative Skills/Laboratory Science Experience credits are required for Occupational Development Degree and General Education Core. At least one college-level mathematics course must be selected from: MAT 120. Students may complete the six credit requirement with a second college-level mathematics course or select a laboratory science course from the following: SCI 110; SCI 120; or SCI 201.
- <sup>5</sup> To fulfill Social Science Course requirements for Occupational Development and General Education Core Degree select from EC 102 SS 201, SS 210, PSYC 200, or PSYC 215.
- <sup>6</sup> Must provide documentation of West Virginia Department of Education and the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training “Child Development Specialist” completion to have credit recorded immediately prior to graduation.
- <sup>7</sup> Students must complete a minimum of 3 credit hours with Mountwest Community & Technical College to establish academic residency. <sup>8</sup> A letter must be received from employer to verify this employment.
- <sup>9</sup> Maximum of 2,400 contact hours of on-the-job training, converted to credit hours on a ratio of 200:1, can be counted toward the A.A.S. degree.

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