



Maryland Approved Programs

Alternative Preparation Directory

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All programs listed in this directory meet the content and pedagogy requirements necessary for State Program Approval. Programs undergo standards-based State Program Approval Peer Review on a five-year cycle.

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Anne Arundel County: AACC/AACPS Resident Teacher Licensure Program

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2013

Partners:

Anne Arundel Community College
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Licensure Areas

- Biology (grades 7-12)
- Chemistry (grades 7-12)
- Computer Science (grades 7-12)
- Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- English (grades 7-12)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Middle School: English Language Arts (grades 4-9)
- Middle School: Mathematics (grades 4-9)
- Middle School: Science (grades 4-9)
- Physics (grades 7-12)
- Social Studies (grades 7-12)
- Technology Education (grades 7-12)
- World Languages (PreK-12) – French, Spanish

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[Anne Arundel County Public Schools Alternative Teacher Licensure Website](#)

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Anne Arundel County: The Resident Teacher (RT) Program

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2011

Partners:

Notre Dame of Maryland University
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Licensure Areas

Completion of this program will result in dual certification in special education and either elementary education or a secondary content area.

- Biology (grades 7-12)
- Chemistry (grades 7-12)
- Earth/Space Science (grades 7-12)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- English (grades 7-12)
- Geography (grades 7-12)
- History (grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Physics (grades 7-12)
- Physical Science (grades 7-12)
- Social Studies (grades 7-12)
- Special Education: Elementary/Middle (grades 1-8)
- Special Education: Secondary/Adult (grades 6-adult)

Website:

[Anne Arundel County Public Schools Resident Teacher Licensure Program Website](#)

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Baltimore City: Baltimore City Teaching Residency

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2015.

Partners:

Baltimore City Public School System
TNTP, Inc.

Licensure Areas

- Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- English (grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Special Education Elementary (grades 1-6)

Website:

[Baltimore City Teaching Residency Website](#)

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Baltimore City: Bard High School Early College Baltimore

This program earned State Program Approval in 2016

Partners:

Baltimore City Public School System

Bard College

Licensure Areas

- Art (PreK-12)
- Biology (grades 7-12)
- Chemistry (grades 7-12)
- Chinese: World Language (PreK-12)
- Dance (PreK-12)
- English (grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Music (PreK-12)
- Physics (grades 7-12)
- Social Studies (grades 7-12)
- Spanish: World Language (PreK-12)
- Theater (grades 7-12)

Website:

[Bard High School Early College Program Website](#)

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Baltimore City: City Teaching Alliance

This program received continued State Program Approval in 2015.

Partners

Baltimore City Public School System
American University

Licensure Areas

- Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)/ Special Education Infant/Primary (birth-grade 3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)/ Special Education Elementary/Middle (grades 1-8)
- Middle School: English Language Arts (grades 4-9)/ Special Education Elementary/Middle (grades 1-8)
- Middle School: Mathematics (grades 4-9)/ Special Education Elementary/Middle (grades 1-8)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)/ Special Education Secondary/Adult (grades 6-adult)
- English (grades 7-12)/ Special Education Secondary/Adult (grades 6-adult)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)

Website:

[Baltimore City Teaching Alliance Website](#)

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Baltimore City: National Aspiring Principals Fellowship

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2021

Partners:

Baltimore City Public School System
New Leaders, Inc.

Licensure Area

- Administrator I/II

Website:

[National Aspiring Principals Fellowship Website](#)

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Baltimore City: Teach for America

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2016.

Partners:

Baltimore City Public School System

Teach For America

Johns Hopkins University

Licensure Areas

- Biology (grades 7-12)
- Chemistry (grades 7-12)
- Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- English (grades 7-12)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (PreK-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Middle School Mathematics (grades 4-9)
- Middle School Science (grades 4-9)
- Physics (grades 7-12)
- Social Studies (grades 7-12)
- Special Education Elementary/Middle (grades 1-8)
- Special Education Secondary/Adult (grades 6-adult)
- World Languages (PreK-12)

Website:

[Teach For America - Baltimore Website](#)

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Baltimore City: TeachingWell Residency Program

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2023.

Partners:

Baltimore City Public School System

Johns Hopkins University

Licensure Areas

- **Biology (grades 7-12)**
- **Chemistry (grades 7-12)**
- **Mathematics (grades 7-12)**
- **Environmental Science (grades 7-12)**
- **Physics (grades 7-12)**
- **Middle School Mathematics (grades 4-9)**
- **Middle School Science (grades 4-9)**

Website

[Baltimore City Teaching Well Residency Program Website](#)

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Harford County: TeachingWell Residency Program

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2023.

Partners:

Harford County Public Schools

Johns Hopkins University

Licensure Areas

- **Biology (grades 7-12)**
- **Chemistry (grades 7-12)**
- **Mathematics (grades 7-12)**
- **Environmental Science (grades 7-12)**
- **Physics (grades 7-12)**
- **Middle School Mathematics (grades 4-9)**
- **Middle School Science (grades 4-9)**

Website

[Harford County Teaching Well Residency Program Website](#)

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Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities: Special Education Residency Program

This program earned State Program Approval in 2023.

Partners:

The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC)

Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF)

Licensure Areas

- Special Education (grades 1-8)
- Special Education (grades 6-adult)

Website

[MAAPP at CCBC Website](#)

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Montgomery County: Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers

This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2015.

Partners:

Montgomery College

Montgomery County Public Schools

Licensure Areas

- Biology (grades 7-12)
- Chemistry (grades 7-12)
- Computer Science (grades 7-12)
- English (grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Middle School Mathematics (grades 4 - 9)
- Middle School Science (grades 4 - 9)
- Physics (grades 7-12)
- Technology Education (grades 7-12)
- World Languages (PreK-12) (*French and Spanish only*)

Website

[Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers \(ACET\) Website](#)

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Montgomery County: Early Childhood Education Alternative Certification Program

This program earned State Program Approval in 2022.

Partners:

Montgomery College

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

Licensure Area

Leads to resident teacher status and state of Maryland certification in Pre-K – 3rd grade.

- **Early Childhood Education (Pre-K – 3)**

Website

[Montgomery College Early Childhood Alternative Certification Program Website](#)

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Prince George's County: The Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC) for Special Education and Elementary/Secondary Education

This program received continued State Program Approval in 2013.

Partners:

Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU)
Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS)

Licensure Areas

Completion of this program will result in dual certification in special education and either elementary education or a secondary content area.

- Biology (grades 7-12)
- Chemistry (grades 7-12)
- Earth/Space Science (grades 7-12)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- English (grades 7-12)
- Environmental Sciences (grades 7-12)
- History (grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Physics (grades 7-12)
- Social Studies (grades 7-12)
- Special Education: Elementary (grades 1-6)

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[Prince George's County and Notre Dame of Maryland Special Education Dual-Certification Website](#)

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Prince George's County: Resident Teacher Program

This program earned initial State Program Approval in 2020.

Partners:

Prince George's County Public Schools

Licensure Areas

- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- ESOL (PreK-12)

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[Prince George's County Resident Teacher Program Website](#)

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