For information on Maryland Approved Programs: Alternative Preparation, contact the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval, Program Approval and Assessment Branch at pamela.darien@maryland.gov. For information about a specific program, or to seek guidance on entering a program, contact the local program contact listed in the directory.

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.

For information on policies and procedures concerning Alternative Preparation, visit the MSDE Website, Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval, Teacher Preparation and Program Approval.
Anne Arundel County

**Title of Program:** AACC/AACPS Secondary RTC Program
This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2013.

**Partners:**
Anne Arundel Community College
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

**Certification 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

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

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Anne Arundel County

Title of Program:
The Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC) Program Special Education and Elementary or Secondary Education
This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2011.

Partners:
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Certification 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)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools Resident Teacher Certificate Program Website

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Title of Program: Bard High School Early College Baltimore
This program earned State Program Approval in 2016.

Partners:
Baltimore City Public School System
Bard College

Certification 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)

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Title of Program: Baltimore City Teaching Residency (BCTR)
This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2015.

Partners:
Baltimore City Public School System
The New Teacher Project

Certification Areas:

- Biology (grades 7-12)
- Chemistry (grades 7-12)
- Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- English (grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (grades 7-12)
- Special Education Elementary/Middle (grades 1-8)

Baltimore City Teaching Residency Website

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Baltimore City

**Title of Program:** National Aspiring Principals Fellowship offered by New Leaders, Inc.

**Partners:**
Baltimore City Public School System
New Leaders, Inc.

**Certification Areas:**
 Administrator I/II

https://www.newleaders.org/blog/introducing-the-national-aspiring-principals-fellowship

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Baltimore City

Title of Program: The TeachingWell Residency Program

Partners:
Baltimore City Public School System
Johns Hopkins University

Certification Areas:

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

Website: https://education.jhu.edu/masters-programs/master-of-education-for-teaching-professionals/

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Baltimore City

Title of Program: Teach For America
This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2016.

Partners
Baltimore City Public School System
Teach For America
Johns Hopkins University

Certification 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)

Teach For America-Baltimore Website

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Baltimore City

**Title of Program:** City Teaching Alliance
This program received continued State Program Approval in 2015.

**Partners**
Baltimore City Public School System
American University

**Certification Areas:**

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

[City Teaching Alliance Website](#)

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Harford County

**Title of Program:** The TeachingWell Residency Program

**Partners:**
Harford County Public School System
Johns Hopkins University

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

**Website:** [https://education.jhu.edu/masters-programs/master-of-education-for-teaching-professionals/](https://education.jhu.edu/masters-programs/master-of-education-for-teaching-professionals/)

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Montgomery County

Title of Program: MC/MCPS Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers (ACET)
This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2015.

Partners:
Montgomery College
Montgomery County Public Schools

Certification 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)

Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers (ACET) Website

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Montgomery County

**Title of Program:** Montgomery College Early Childhood Alternative Teacher Certification (ECCAT) leading to resident teacher status and state of Maryland certification in Prek – 3rd grade. This program earned State Program Approval in 2022.

**Partners:**
Montgomery College
Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

**Certification Area:**

**Early Childhood Education (Prek – 3)**


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Title of Program:
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
Prince George’s County Public Schools

Certification 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)
History (grades 7-12)
Mathematics (grades 7-12)
Physics (grades 7-12)
Social Studies (grades 7-12)
Special Education: Elementary/Middle (grades 1-8)
Special Education: Secondary/Adult (grades 6-adult)

Prince George’s County and Notre Dame of Maryland Special Education Dual-Certification Website

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Prince George’s County

Title of Program: Teach For America-D.C. Region
This program earned continued State Program Approval in 2017.

Partners:
Prince George’s County Public Schools
Teach For America
Johns Hopkins University

Certification Areas:

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

Teach for America Website
Prince George’s County and Teach For America Website

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Title of Program: Prince George’s County Resident Teacher Program
This program earned initial State Program Approval in 2020.

Partners:
Prince George’s County Public Schools

Certification Area:
Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
ESOL (PreK-12)

Prince George’s County Resident Teacher Program Website

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