Maryland Approved Program Directory: Alternative Preparation
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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)
- 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)

**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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Baltimore City

Title of Program: Bard-City Schools MAAPP (Bard)
This program earned State Program Approval in 2016.

Partners:
Baltimore City Public School System
Bard College

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

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**Baltimore City**

**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)
- Special Education: Secondary/Adult (grades 6-adult)

**Baltimore City Teaching Residency Website**

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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: Urban Teachers
This program received continued State Program Approval in 2015.

Partners
Baltimore City Public School System
Johns Hopkins 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)

Urban Teachers Website

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

Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers (ACET) Website

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**Prince George’s County**

**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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Prince George’s County

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 Areas
Elementary Education (grades 1-6)

Prince George’s County Resident Teacher Program Website

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