Information Sheet
Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC)
Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP)
Special Education
2020

- The RTC/ MAAPP is an alternative certification program sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) in collaboration with Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU) and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

- The Special Education RTC/ MAAPP sponsors a cohort of people who receive intensive preservice training, placement in a special education teaching position, graduate level coursework, seminars and mentoring over a two-year period.

- We have successfully graduated 12 cohorts since 2006.

- Cohort will begin Spring/Summer 2020 and end Summer 2022.

  The preservice phase of RTC/ MAAPP -15 will begin in the spring/summer of 2020. It will consist of coursework through Notre Dame of Maryland University, a 4-8-week internship in the summer of 2020, seminars and orientation activities.

  RTC/ MAAPP -15 cohort members will be hired in special education teaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year if all pre-service requirements have been met. An online application to a special education pool should be submitted via HR Navigator (aacps.org/joinourteam)

  Applicants must achieve a passing score on the Praxis CORE and Praxis II content tests. See www.ets.org for required tests in Maryland.
  - Elementary candidates: Praxis II test 7801 (Elementary Education-Content Knowledge for Teaching)
  - Secondary candidates: Praxis II Content test for specific academic subject area (e.g. Biology, English, Math, Social Studies)

  During the two-year in-service phase, RTC/ MAAPP -15 cohort members will continue to:
  - Take coursework through Notre Dame of Maryland University (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer semesters)
  - Receive mentoring from a designated mentor
  - Attend monthly seminars
  - Successfully teach in their assignment (as determined by the AACPS evaluation process)
  - Achieve a qualifying score on the Praxis II-special education test and the Praxis II-content pedagogy test, and TRE Assessment
  - Participate in mid-year and end-of-year conferences

- Costs for the RTC/ MAAPP -15 are kept to a minimum. Each semester cohort members will be responsible for:
  - A $140 registration/technology fee
  - The cost of any required course textbooks
  - A tuition fee of approximately $350 per course
  - An e-portfolio account will need to be purchased @ $140 (one time each year)

- RTC/ MAAPP -15 Timeline (tentative)
  - Applications accepted beginning in October 2019
  - Interviews and Selection Notification (Feb. – Apr. 2020)
  - Information and Orientation Meetings (May 2020)
  - Preservice Activities (Spring/Summer 2020)
  - In-service Activities (2020-2022 school years)

  Upon successful completion of the RTC/MAAPP-15 program, completers are eligible for the Maryland State Department of Education Standard Professional Certificate (SPC) in Special Education and another content area (Elementary Education or a Secondary content area).