Information Sheet
Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC)
Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP)
Special Education
2023-2024

- 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 Alternative Preparation Program 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 cohorts since 2006.
- Cohort will begin Spring/Summer 2024 and end Summer 2026.

The preservice phase of RTC/ MAAPP Cohort will begin in the spring/summer of 2024. It will consist of coursework through Notre Dame of Maryland University, a 4-8-week internship in the summer of 2024, seminars, and orientation activities.

RTC/ MAAPP cohort members will be hired in special education teaching positions for the 2024-2025 school year if all pre-service requirements have been met. An online application to a special education pool should be submitted via HR Navigator. Click on the link to join our team! (https://www.aacps.org/Page/1180)

Applicants may be issued a Resident Teacher Certificate if the GPA is 3.0 or higher on their most recently earned degree or achieve a passing score on the **Praxis CORE. Praxis II content test is also required**. See www.ets.org for required tests in Maryland.
  - ➢ Elementary candidates: Praxis II test (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 cohort members will continue to:
  - ➢ Take 30 credits of graduate coursework through Notre Dame of Maryland University (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer semesters) by earning a "B" or better
  - ➢ 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 Special Education test, PLT Praxis (or complete PPAT Assessment) and Reading- TRE Assessment
  - ➢ Participate in mid-year and end-of-year conferences, including portfolio review

- Costs for the RTC/ MAAPP Special Education Cohort 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 $400 per course
  - ➢ An e-portfolio account will need to be purchased @ $140 (one time each year)

- RTC/ MAAPP Timeline (tentative)
  - ➢ Applications accepted beginning in November
  - ➢ Applications materials deadline by the end of February
  - ➢ Interviews and Selection Notification (March -April)
  - ➢ Information and Orientation Meetings (May)
  - ➢ Preservice Activities (Spring/Summer)
  - ➢ In-service Activities (2024-2026 school years)

Upon successful completion of the RTC/MAAPP Special Education program, and successful passing of **Praxis TRE Assessment 5205, Special Education Praxis 5354, and completion of Praxis content PLT (or PPAT Assessment)**, 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).