

NOYCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR STEM

If you:

- Have a bachelor's degree or higher in a STEM field
- Can document three or more years full-or part-time work in a non-teaching STEM career
- Commit to teach full-time as a STEM teacher in a high-needs middle or high school (MCPS or other) for at least two years within four years of completing the ACET program

Then you:

May qualify to receive a \$16,000 stipend through our National Science Foundation grant:
*Montgomery College Noyce:
Excellent Teachers for STEM
(MC NEXT STEM)*

Additional application materials required for consideration.



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FAST TRACK TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Earn your resident certification to teach in MCPS in just six months through the ACET Program.

You may qualify for this competitive admissions program if you:

- Desire to teach at the middle school or high school level in a high demand discipline
- Hold a Bachelor's degree or higher with a minimum 2.75 GPA
- Have a strong commitment to working with youth

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A Maryland
Approved Alternative
Preparation
Program

**Alternative Certification
for Effective Teachers**

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ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION FOR EFFECTIVE TEACHERS

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and Montgomery College (MC) have joined together in partnership to offer an innovative teacher preparation program for talented individuals who wish to become teachers in MCPS secondary schools.

This program is designed for Maryland teacher shortage fields at the middle and high school levels.

Certification Areas:

ACET candidates are recruited in areas such as:

- Secondary Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, and Technology Education
- Middle School Mathematics and Science
- PreK–12 French and Spanish

These subject areas vary from year to year depending on MCPS needs.

Competitive Admissions Process:

Montgomery College Education Department faculty review applications for requirements. Candidates who meet the requirements are invited to a short interview conducted jointly by MC and MCPS representatives. A cohort of candidates is selected based on interview, subject field needs and references.

Teaching Institute:

The ACET instructional component is composed of eight modules, based on the InTASC standards, which include human development, learning theories, secondary methods, secondary assessments, diversity, students with exceptionalities and collaboration and communication. Students engage in performance-based activities and develop, plan, and deliver instruction. The Teaching Institute meets several evenings and some Saturdays. Students will also enroll in READ 238, Methods of Teaching Reading in the Secondary Content Area (Part I) if this course has not been completed previously.

Internship:

A five to eight week unpaid internship is offered following successful completion of the Teaching Institute, with candidates assigned to MCPS at either the middle or high school level. During the first week candidates observe in their placement classrooms. For the next few weeks they teach with frequent observation and feedback from Montgomery College School of Education faculty with experience in supervising student teachers.

Residency:

After successful completion of the internship, candidates will interview for paid positions in MCPS. Once candidates are placed, intensive mentoring and supervision along with a regular cohort seminar provide strong support for each teacher candidate. Residents must also successfully complete the appropriate Praxis Pedagogy exam and Part II of the Methods of Teaching Reading in the Secondary Content (READ 239) at MC or equivalent professional development course in MCPS. At the end of a satisfactory resident year, candidates will be awarded the Standard Professional Certificate I.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

- Official transcripts documenting Bachelor's degree or higher with a minimum 2.75 GPA
- Appropriate basic skills test scores and Praxis Subject Assessment or ACTFL scores
- Written response to required essay questions, reflecting either work experience or observations in Montgomery County Public Schools
- Two references from former/current employers
- Current resume
- ACET Applicant Evaluation registration form including fee

Detailed information and all required forms may be found at

www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/acet/acet.html.

**Applications are accepted
April 1 – June 15, and
November 1 – February 1.**

Information Sessions:

Information sessions are held regularly at all three Montgomery College campus locations. Each session will include a presentation on the purpose of the program, participant qualifications and program requirements.

