Montgomery College

Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers
A Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program

Fast Track to Teacher Certification

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

You may qualify if you:

• Desire to teach at the middle school or high school level
• Have a Bachelor’s degree or higher with expertise in a high demand discipline
• Earned a 2.75 GPA or higher
• Have completed Maryland State testing requirements

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Requirements for Application

• Bachelor’s degree or higher with a minimum 2.75 GPA
• Appropriate basic skills test scores and Praxis II Content or ACTFL scores
• Written response to two 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 for the next ACET program will be accepted July 1–October 15

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

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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, 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.*

**Selection 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 seven 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 Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some Saturdays from late December through late March. 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-week unpaid internship is offered during April and May, 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 Praxis II 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.

**Testing Information:**

**Basic Skills:**

Applicants must present qualifying scores at or above the minimum on one of the Maryland approved basic skills tests. Visit http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/acet/testing.html for a list of approved tests and qualifying scores.

**Content Knowledge:**

*For all Areas EXCEPT World Languages:*

Successfully complete the Praxis II content exam in your subject area. Praxis test scores should be reported to Montgomery College using school code 5422.

*For World Languages:*

Successfully complete the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIc) and the Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) in your desired language, given through the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

**IMPORTANT:**

You do NOT need to take the Praxis II Pedagogy Exam at this time.

For more information on Testing/Praxis, please go to http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/acet/testing.html.