

**Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP)/
Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC)
in Special Education and
Elementary or Secondary Education**
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Information Sheet:

- The MAAPP/RTC is an alternative certification program sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) in collaboration with Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDM) and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.
- The Special Education MAAPP/RTC sponsors a cohort of 8-10 people who receive intensive preservice training, placement in a special education teaching position, graduate level coursework, seminars and mentoring over a two year period.
- There have been seven special education MAAPP/RTC cohorts in operation in the AACPS: RTC-1 (2004-2006), RTC-2 (2005-2007), RTC-3 (2006-2008), RTC-4 (2007-2009), RTC-5 (2008-2010), RTC-6 (2009-2011) and RTC-7 (2010-2012).
- Plans are in place to offer a MAAPP/RTC-8 (pending funding) which would begin in Spring/Summer 2012 and run through the 2013-2014 school year.
 - The preservice phase of MAAPP/RTC-8 will begin in the spring/summer of 2012. It will consist of coursework through Notre Dame of Maryland University, a 4-8 week internship, seminars and orientation activities.
 - MAAPP/RTC-8 cohort members will be placed in special education teaching positions for the 2012-13 school year if all pre-service requirements have been met. This includes achieving a passing score on the Praxis I and Praxis II content tests. See www.ets.org for additional information for the state of Maryland.
 - During the two-year inservice phase, MAAPP/RTC-8 cohort members will continue to take coursework through Notre Dame of Maryland University (Fall, Winterim, Spring, Summer semesters); will receive mentoring from a designated mentor; will attend monthly seminars; will successfully teach in their assignment (as determined by the AACPS evaluation process); will achieve a qualifying score on the Praxis II-special education test and the Praxis II-content pedagogy test; and will participate in an exit conference.
- Costs for the MAAPP/RTC-8 are kept at a minimum. Each semester cohort members will be responsible for a \$125 registration/technology fee, the cost of any required course textbooks, and a tuition fee of approximately \$200. (This fee depends on the amount of funding available). In addition, an e-portfolio account will need to be purchased (@ \$125).
- MAAPP/RTC-8 Timeline (tentative)
 - Recruitment Activities (Jan-Feb 2012)
 - Applications due (Feb. 29, 2012)
 - Interviews and Selection Notification (Mar. – Apr. 2012)
 - Information and Orientation Meetings (May 2012)
 - Preservice Activities (Spring/Summer 2012)
 - Inservice Activities (2012-2014 school years)