

Information Sheet

Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC) / Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP) Special Education 2017

- 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 ten 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 10 cohorts since 2006.
- Cohort will run Spring/Summer 2017 and through the 2017-2019 school year.

The preservice phase of RTC/ MAAPP -12 will begin in the spring/summer of 2017. It will consist of coursework through Notre Dame of Maryland University, a 4-8 week internship in the summer of 2017, seminars and orientation activities.

RTC/ MAAPP -12 cohort members will be placed in special education teaching positions for the 2017-2018 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 – (see required Praxis tests for Maryland).

During the two-year in-service phase, RTC/ MAAPP -12 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
 - Participate in mid-year and end-of-year conferences
- Costs for the RTC/ MAAPP -12 are kept to a minimum. Each semester cohort members will be responsible for:
 - A \$130 registration/technology fee
 - The cost of any required course textbooks
 - A tuition fee of approximately \$250 per course
 - An e-portfolio account will need to be purchased @ \$140 (one time each year)
 - RTC/ MAAPP -12 Timeline (tentative)
 - Applications due Feb. 27, 2017
 - Interviews and Selection Notification (Mar. – Apr. 2017)
 - Information and Orientation Meetings (May 2017)
 - Preservice Activities (Spring/Summer 2017)
 - In-service Activities (2017-2019 school years)

