

## Requirements for Application

- Bachelor's degree or higher with a minimum 2.75 GPA with 24 semester hours of content in desired certification area
- Appropriate basic skills test scores and Praxis II content knowledge scores (OR ACTFL scores for Spanish certification)
- Two references from former/current employers
- A resume listing any experiences in teaching or other work that would illustrate potential to teach adolescents
- A two-page written personal statement of interest in teaching and the ACET program
- ACET Applicant Evaluation registration form including fee.

**Applications  
for the next ACET program  
will be accepted  
July 15 - September 15**

### Information Sessions:

Information sessions are held periodically throughout the year at all three Montgomery College campus locations. Each session will include a presentation on the purpose of the program, participant qualifications and program requirements. See the ACET website for details.

## Fast Track to Teacher Certification

Earn your certification to teach in MCPS in only four 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 in a high demand discipline
- Earned a 2.75 GPA or higher
- Have completed Maryland State testing requirements.



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# ACET

**A Maryland Approved Alternative  
Preparation Program**



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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:

*The ACET Program seeks to certify teachers in*

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- Chemistry
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- Mathematics
- Spanish
- Physics
- Technology Education

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

## Selection Process:

Montgomery College Education Department faculty review applications for requirements, seeking input from MCPS Human Resources specialists as needed for transcript evaluation. Candidates who meet the requirements are invited to a short interview conducted jointly by MC and MCPS representatives. A cohort of 15-20 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 early January to the end of March. Students will also enroll in RD 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 daily supervision by the highly qualified teachers of record. MC also provides frequent observation of candidates by education faculty with experience in supervising student teachers.

## Residency:

After successful completion of the internship, candidates will interview for vacant 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 course (either as RD 239 at MC or as a professional development course in MCPS.) At the end of a satisfactory resident year, candidates will be awarded the Standard Professional Certificate I.

## Testing Information:

All candidates applying for the ACET program are required to present qualifying scores at or above the minimum on one of the standardized tests listed below:

- SAT taken after 2005, math and critical reading total score of 1100; OR
- SAT taken between 4/1995 and 2005, math and verbal total score of 1100; OR
- SAT taken prior to 4/1995, math and verbal total score of 1000; OR
- ACT composite score of 24; OR
- GRE composite score of 1000; OR
- Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test combined score of 527

Each candidate is also required to have successfully completed the Praxis II exam in the subject he or she is planning to teach.

**Note:** For Spanish certification, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) examinations will also be accepted. Intermediate high scores on both the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and the Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) are needed.

## Want more information on Praxis?

Everything you need to know about taking Praxis exams can be found at:

**[www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)**