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Montgomery Co Public Schools/Montgomery Comm College
 Alternative, not IHE-based Program
 2011-12

Print Report Card

Institution Information

Name of Institution: Montgomery Co Public Schools/Montgomery Comm College

Institution/Program Type: Alternative, not IHE-based

Academic Year: 2011-12

State: Maryland

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Is your institution a member of an HEA Title II Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education?

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oi/tqp/index.html>

No

If yes, provide the following:

Award year:

Grantee name:

Project name:

Grant number:

List partner districts/LEAs:

List other partners:

Project Type:

Section I.a Program Information

List each teacher preparation program included in your alternative, not ihe-based route. Indicate if your program or programs participate in a Teacher Quality Partnership Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education as described at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/tqp/index.html>.

Teacher Preparation Programs	Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Member?
Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers (ACET)	No
Total number of teacher preparation programs: 1	

Section I.b Admissions

Indicate when students are formally admitted into your initial teacher certification program:

Postgraduate

Does your initial teacher certification program conditionally admit students?

No

Provide a link to your website where additional information about admissions requirements can be found:

<http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/acet/acet.html>

Please provide any additional about or exceptions to the admissions information provided above:

Section I.b Undergraduate Requirements

Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)\(i\)](#))

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the undergraduate level?

No

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Undergraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript		
Fingerprint check		
Background check		
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed		
Minimum GPA		
Minimum GPA in content area coursework		

Minimum GPA in professional education coursework		
Minimum ACT score		
Minimum SAT score		
Minimum basic skills test score		
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification		
Recommendation(s)		
Essay or personal statement		
Interview		
Other		

What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2011-12

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2011-12

Section I.b Postgraduate Requirements

Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)\(i\)](#))

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the postgraduate level?

Yes

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Postgraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript	Yes	No
Fingerprint check	No	Yes
Background check	No	Yes
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	No	No
Minimum GPA	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	No	Yes
Minimum ACT score	Yes	No
Minimum SAT score	Yes	No
Minimum basic skills test score	Yes	No
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	Yes	No

Recommendation(s)	Yes	Yes
Essay or personal statement	Yes	Yes
Interview	Yes	Yes
Other Resume	Yes	No

What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

2.75

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2011-12

3.1

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

3

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2011-12

3.5

Section I.c Program Enrollment

Provide the number of students in the teacher preparation program in the following categories. Note that you must report on the number of students by ethnicity and race separately. Individuals who are non-Hispanic/Latino will be reported in one of the race categories. Also note that individuals can belong to one or more racial groups, so the sum of the members of each racial category may not necessarily add up to the total number of students enrolled.

Total number of students enrolled in 2011-12:	12
Unduplicated number of males enrolled in 2011-12:	6
Unduplicated number of females enrolled in 2011-12:	6

2011-12	Number enrolled
<i>Ethnicity</i>	
Hispanic/Latino of any race:	1
<i>Race</i>	
American Indian or Alaska Native:	0
Asian:	3
Black or African American:	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:	0
White:	8
Two or more races:	0

Section I.d Supervised Experience

Provide the following information about supervised clinical experience in 2011-12.

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Average number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to student teaching	0
Average number of clock hours required for student teaching	163
Average number of clock hours required for mentoring/induction support	1170
Number of full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year	2
Number of adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE and PreK-12 staff)	4
Number of students in supervised clinical experience during this academic year	8

Please provide any additional information about or descriptions of the supervised clinical experiences:

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Subject Area

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by subject area for academic year 2011-12. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Subject area" refers to the subject area(s) an individual has been prepared to teach. An individual can be counted in more than one subject area. If no individuals were prepared in a particular subject area, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Subject Area	Number Prepared
Education - General	0
Teacher Education - Special Education	0
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	0
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	0
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	
Teacher Education - Multiple Levels	
Teacher Education - Agriculture	0
Teacher Education - Art	0
Teacher Education - Business	0
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	
Teacher Education - Music	
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
Teacher Education - Reading	

Teacher Education - Science Teacher Education/General Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	
Teacher Education - Chemistry	1
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	1
Teacher Education - Speech	
Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Other Specify :	

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Academic Major

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by academic major for academic year 2011-12. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Academic major" refers to the actual major(s) declared by the program completer. An individual can be counted in more than one academic major. If no individuals were prepared in a particular academic major, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Academic Major	Number Prepared
Education - General	
Teacher Education - Special Education	
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	
Teacher Education - Agriculture	
Teacher Education - Art	

Teacher Education - Business	
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	
Teacher Education - Music	
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	
Teacher Education - Chemistry	1
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	1
Teacher Education - Speech	
Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Curriculum and Instruction	
Education - Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education	
Liberal Arts/Humanities	
Psychology	
Social Sciences	
Anthropology	

Economics	
Geography and Cartography	
Political Science and Government	
Sociology	
Visual and Performing Arts	
History	
Foreign Languages	
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	
English Language/Literature	
Philosophy and Religious Studies	
Agriculture	
Communication or Journalism	
Engineering	
Biology	
Mathematics and Statistics	
Physical Sciences	
Astronomy and Astrophysics	
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology	
Chemistry	
Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences	
Physics	
Business/Business Administration/Accounting	
Computer and Information Sciences	
Other Specify :	

Section I.f Program Completers

Provide the total number of teacher preparation program completers in each of the following academic years:

2011-12: 2

2010-11: 6

2009-10: 7

Section II. Annual Goals - Mathematics

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the

Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\), §206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in mathematics in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2011-12?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2011-12?

5

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in mathematics in 2011-12?

Yes

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Outreach to local agencies such as IBM, accounting firms, etc. Also direct outreach to those doing substitute work in school system. Actually accepted 6 math candidates.

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in mathematics in 2012-13?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2012-13?

5

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in mathematics in 2013-14?

5

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Annual Goals - Science

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the

number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#), [§206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in science in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in science in 2011-12?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2011-12?

3

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in science in 2011-12?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Worked with local HR in schools to identify substitute teachers who might be interested in certification.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in science in 2012-13?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2012-13?

3

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

We were pleased with results of outreach and cooperation; accepted 6 chemistry applicants and one physics applicant during this period.

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in science in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in science in 2013-14?

5

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Annual Goals - Special Education

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation

program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\), §206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in special education in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in special education in 2011-12?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2011-12?

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in special education in 2011-12?

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in special education in 2012-13?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2012-13?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in special education in 2013-14?

No

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in special education in 2013-14?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Annual Goals - LEP

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special

education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#), [§206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2011-12?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2011-12?

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2011-12?

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2012-13?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2012-13?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

No

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Assurances

Please certify that your institution is in compliance with the following assurances. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(iii\)](#), [§206\(b\)](#)) Note: Be prepared to provide documentation and evidence for your responses, when requested, to support the following assurances.

Preparation responds to the identified needs of the local educational agencies or States where the program completers are likely to teach, based on past hiring and recruitment

trends.

Yes

Preparation is closely linked with the needs of schools and the instructional decisions new teachers face in the classroom.

Yes

Prospective special education teachers are prepared in core academic subjects and to instruct in core academic subjects.

NA

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students with disabilities.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to limited English proficient students.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students from low-income families.

Yes

Prospective teachers are prepared to effectively teach in urban and rural schools, as applicable.

Yes

Describe your institution's most successful strategies in meeting the assurances listed above:

Teacher preparation coursework is highly performance based. Candidates engage in roleplay on working with students with LEP and a variety of needs, view and discuss video of classroom situations, and have required observations of classrooms at high need schools in the county. Candidates are made aware of the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the local schools and the impact of that diversity through readings, observations, and classroom activities.

Section III. Assessment Rates

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETSo235 -BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1			
ETSo235 -BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	1			
ETSo245 -CHEMISTRY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE II Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1			
ETSo041 -ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1			

ETS0041 -ENG LANG LIT COMP CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	1			
ETS0043 -ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1			
ETS0043 -ENG LANG LIT COMP PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	1			
ETS0173 -FRENCH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS0171 -FRENCH PRODUCTIVE LANGUAGE SKILLS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS0234 -LIFE SCIENCE PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1			
ETS0234 -LIFE SCIENCE PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	1			
ETS0061 -MATHEMATICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	7			
ETS0061 -MATHEMATICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1			
ETS0061 -MATHEMATICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	2			
ETS0061 -MATHEMATICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	2			
ETS0065 -MATHEMATICS PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	2			
ETS0065 -MATHEMATICS PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	2			
ETS0265 -PHYSICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE II Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS0730 -PRACTICE I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	4			

ETSo730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1		
ETSo730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1		
ETSo730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	3		
ETSo710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	4		
ETSo710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1		
ETSo710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1		
ETSo710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	3		
ETSo720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	4		
ETSo720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1		
ETSo720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1		
ETSo720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	3		
ETSo624 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING 7-12 II Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	5		
ETSo624 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING 7-12 II Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	2		
ETSo191 -SPANISH CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	1		
ETSo192 -SPANISH PRODUCTIVE LANGUAGE SKILLS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	1		
ETS5195 -SPANISH WORLD LANGUAGE (CD)	1		

Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students				
ETS5195 -SPANISH WORLD LANGUAGE (CD) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1			
ETS0841 -WORLD LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS0841 -WORLD LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	1			
ETS0841 -WORLD LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	1			

Section III. Summary Rates

Group	Number taking tests	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2011-12	3		
All program completers, 2010-11	5		
All program completers, 2009-10	5		
All program completers, combined 3 academic years	13	13	100

Section IV. Low-Performing

Provide the following information about the approval or accreditation of your teacher preparation program.

Is your teacher preparation program currently approved or accredited?

Yes

If yes, please specify the organization(s) that approved or accredited your program:

State

Is your teacher preparation program currently under a designation as "low-performing" by the state (as per section 207(a) of the HEA of 2008)?

No

Section V. Technology

Provide the following information about the use of technology in your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare teachers to:

- integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction

Yes

- **use technology effectively to collect data to improve teaching and learning**
Yes
- **use technology effectively to manage data to improve teaching and learning**
Yes
- **use technology effectively to analyze data to improve teaching and learning**
Yes

Provide a description of the evidence that your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction, and to use technology effectively to collect, manage, and analyze data in order to improve teaching and learning for the purpose of increasing student academic achievement. Include a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to use the principles of universal design for learning, as applicable. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the four elements listed above are not currently in place.

Our program is aligned with the Maryland Teacher Technology standards, and all indicators are embedded in the various modules of our Teaching Institute. Our hybrid instruction model means that all students illustrate daily the ability to use a variety of technological formats to communicate and to create and deliver instruction. Training is provided in use of classroom technology specific to the MCPS classrooms as part of each class meeting of the Teaching Institute, and candidates use this technology in delivering their sample lessons. This technology includes the use of classroom response systems which allow teachers to assess students immediately in a formative way.

During the module on assessment, candidates learn to review and analyze typical testing and performance data for the MCPS student, and consider action steps for enhancing performance. During the resident teacher seminars, each candidate designs, conducts, and prepares a presentation on an action research project, which includes an illustration of their data collection and management tools.

Section VI. Teacher Training

Provide the following information about your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare general education teachers to:

- **teach students with disabilities effectively**
Yes
- **participate as a member of individualized education program teams**
Yes
- **teach students who are limited English proficient effectively**
Yes

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares general education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

A significant portion of the Teaching Institute is the Diversity Module, which includes an introduction

to special education including IDEA principles and other related legal aspects, working with families and other school personnel, creating behavior plans, and designing differentiated instruction. Lessons created and presented must show that differentiation was planned for and can be carried out effectively. In addition, a full study of cultural competence and creating culturally responsive classrooms is a strength area of the program. The module on collaboration also prepares and assesses students on working with co-teachers in the high school setting.

Does your program prepare special education teachers to:

- **teach students with disabilities effectively**
NA
- **participate as a member of individualized education program teams**
NA
- **teach students who are limited English proficient effectively**
NA

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares special education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

Not applicable/do not prepare special education teachers.

Section VII. Contextual Information

Please use this space to provide any additional information that describes your teacher preparation program(s). You may also attach information to this report card. The U.S. Department of Education is especially interested in any evaluation plans or interim or final reports that may be available.

The Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers (ACET) MC-MCPS program was developed in 2006 as part of the Troops to Teachers grant funded by the Maryland State Department of Education. Dr. Ginny Buckner, formerly the Director of the School of Education at MC, was instrumental in working with representatives from MCPS on a plan for creating a resident teacher certification program in Montgomery County, and Professor Diane Switlick, retired MCPS teacher and administrator, drafted the pre-employment training modules. The grant was approved in March of 2006, and in the summer of 2006, the first cohort of candidates entered the program. The MC-MCPS ACET partnership is designed to provide an alternative in Montgomery County for adults with bachelor's degrees (or higher) in their content fields who wish to become certified teachers but do not need or desire to earn a masters' degree. Although recruitment occurs year-round via the MC and MCPS web sites and posters, a major push occurs with distribution of MC schedule of classes in April, followed by monthly information sessions from April through August, held at all three MC campuses. Applications are received from July 1 to October 1 of each year. As applications are received, Montgomery College ACET program faculty review applications for requirements, seeking input from MCPS HR Certification specialists as needed for transcript evaluation. Qualified applicants are invited to a 30-minute interview with the selection committee, composed of the ACET program coordinator, at least one program faculty member, and representatives from MCPS HR. A cohort of 10-15 candidates is selected based on interview, subject field needs and references. Pre service training occurs from January to March with candidates enrolled in a Teaching Institute. This institute includes a set of standards-based modules which are offered in a non-

credit format, plus the first secondary reading course, offered at MC as RD 238. Instruction is provided using a blended online/face-to-face model with class meetings at the Rockville campus on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and select Saturdays. A four- to six-week unpaid internship is offered during April and May, with candidates being assigned to MCPS at either the middle or high school level. During the first week candidates generally observe in their placement classrooms. For the next few weeks they teach with daily supervision by the highly qualified teachers of record. Informal and formal observations occur throughout the internship. Candidates are actively involved and supported to set personal goals, practice their skills, observe mentor teachers, and revise their individual plans. After successful completion of the internship, potential residents meet with MCPS - HR to complete their hiring packets and arrange to interview with principals of schools who will be hiring in their certification area. Interviews and offers are then conducted in accordance with MCPS policy, and the resident is assigned to a one-year placement. Once residents are placed, intensive mentoring and supervision, along with cohort seminars, provides strong support for each teacher candidate. Students gather once a month as a group to support each other in a learning community, revisiting the ongoing discussions using Web CT, posting questions and getting feedback on the work they do in class. The program faculty mentors them in their placements within MCPS. An on-site consulting teacher (mentor) is available to them through observations, seminars, and individual discussion meetings throughout the residency. Residents must also successfully complete the Praxis II Pedagogy exam and Part II of the Methods of Teaching Reading course, as well as the two seminar courses led by MC faculty. At the end of the academic year, if the resident has met the MCPS standards for satisfactory performance for a first-year teacher, as well as completed all the coursework and testing requirements, the resident will be recommended for standard professional certification. During 2009, this program participated in the pilot phase of program approval for the Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Programs (MAAPP). During the review process which culminated in a site visit on October 21, 2009, the preparation program met all standards and received full program approval.

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