

TEACH INSTITUTE

Community colleges play a significant role in teacher preparation. National studies have shown more than 50% of teachers attended a community college for at least part of their education. It is estimated that 40% of teachers in the country have completed some or all of their math and science coursework at a community college.¹ In recognition of the importance of educators at all levels of learning, Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) established its Teacher Education and Child Care (TEACH) Institute to make a positive impact on the lives of children by educating, nurturing, and inspiring those who teach and care for them. The TEACH Institute provides quality education and professional development for current and future teachers, child care providers and school employees.

Programs of Study

Anne Arundel Community College offers Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.), Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) and Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees, preparing students for transfer to a four-year institution to obtain a baccalaureate degree and earn a state teacher certification. Certificates and letters of recognition are also offered. Options include:

Programs of Study	Associate of Arts in Teaching	Associate of Applied Science	Associate of Arts	Certificate	Letter of Recognition
Early Childhood Development	X	X		X	X
Teaching- Secondary	X		X		
Elementary/Generic Special Education (PreK-12)	X				
Secondary – Chemistry	X				
Secondary – English	X				
Secondary - Mathematics	X				
ESL Support					X
Special Education Support				X	
Teaching Paraprofessional				X	
Youth Adolescent Professional					X

AACC and Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) continue to maintain a strong, supportive relationship. Two noteworthy projects with AACC and AACPS are T3 (Total Teacher Training), which provides a broad range of professional development for AACPS teachers and staff, and the Resident Teacher Certification (RTC) Program (an alternative route to Teacher Certification), which addresses the staffing needs in specific “critical needs areas” in the county’s secondary (middle and high) schools. Two of the “critical needs areas” were those of Science and Mathematics. Educators are needed in these content areas to instruct in courses such as: Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Space Science, Physical Science, Physics, and all Mathematics courses.

¹ American Association of Community Colleges (2008). Community Colleges Impact K-12 STEM Teaching.

Resident Teacher Certification programs combine on-the-job training through a classroom internship with required education coursework. Students with bachelor's degrees in certain content areas (such as biology, chemistry, math, English, etc.) may qualify to participate in RTC. Upon completion, RTC candidates receive a standard Maryland State Department of Education teaching certificate.

At AACC, students can obtain the degree or training needed to become a child care professional TEACH Institute also provides training to help professionals stay current with the latest teaching and child care courses approved by the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Child Care.

Child care centers and in-home providers can seek training for behavioral and emotional support, CPR, 90-hour certification and have access to professional development, mentoring, consultation, conferences and a speaker's bureau.