

Early Childhood Education Alternative Certification ECACP Program Application

Part I: Cover Page

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Indicate other indentifying name (s) that may appear on your documentation/trasncripts:

Date of birth: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____
Month/day/year

Address: _____
Street City State Zip code

Email address: _____

Current Employment: _____ ✓
Position School or company

If employed by MCPS, MCPS ID# _____

Military Service: Have you served in the military? _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes: Branch of Service _____ Dates of Service _____

Cohort Preference:
_____ Community -Based Childcare Provider
_____ MCPS Employee Cohort

Degree & Credentials:
Bachelor's Degree in: _____ (Subject Area) Degree GPA: _____

Briefly explain your experiences in early childhood education:

Part II: Items to be submitted directly by the applicant:

• Essay Question Responses

ECACP applicants who do not have applicable experience in early childhood education related fields, must complete visits to an assigned early childhood setting/class. For connections to these observations, send us an email to ECACP@montgomerycollege.edu.

Following the visit(s), on separate pages, respond to each of the following questions; your response should require no more than one page per question. Be sure to include the names of schools you visited or in which you worked.

Q1. Based on your visits to Montgomery County Public Schools, an early childhood center (or your experience as an MCPS substitute teacher or paraeducator), discuss two specific areas where you witnessed teachers who excelled in meeting students' needs and explain why.

Q2. What are two of the biggest challenges teachers face to implement effective instruction in early childhood classrooms and settings? Where do you see opportunities for increased teacher quality and preparation?

Q3. ECACP strives to prepare effective teachers. The program is rigorous and accelerated with fast-paced coursework and intensity in collaboration, assignments and assessments. Explain how you think this is a good program "match" for you and how you plan to manage a work and life balance in such a program.

• Résumé

Be sure to include employment history and educational background, with emphasis on any experiences in teaching or work that would enhance your abilities to teach adolescents

• Application Evaluation Form

Fill out and submit the ECACP Applicant Evaluation registration form including non-refundable \$50.00 fee, payable by credit card. (If you have submitted an application within the past three years, this form is NOT required.)

(Application instructions continued on next page)

Part III. Items to request for separate submission

The following items are to be sent directly from the source to the program as stated below:

- For those with less than a 3.0 GPA in Bachelor's Degree:
Basic Skills Scores (SAT/ACT/GRE/Praxis I/Praxis Core).

NOTE: Copies of student score reports are also acceptable for the above item ONLY

- Praxis Subject Assessment # 5025.
- Official college transcripts OR official evaluations of international transcripts from one of the MSDE approved agencies.
- Two references from former/current employers (Use ECACP Reference Form.)

All items should be submitted to
ECACP Program
Montgomery College
51 Mannakee Street, SV 406B
Rockville, MD 20850
Or electronically to
ECACP@montgomerycollege.edu

For more information, please visit our website
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