

Teacher Academy of Maryland

Location: All academy coursework is taught at the high school.

Summary

The Teacher Academy of Maryland is designed for students who intend to pursue a career as a elementary, middle, or high school teacher. Over the next decade America is projected to need at least 2.4 million new teachers. As a system, Howard County Public Schools welcomes our own graduates back to begin their new careers as educators in our schools. Academy students have the opportunity to conduct formal observations, develop and deliver lesson plans in a K-12 setting, and participate in special events and activities with other future educators. Academy coursework focuses on development and learning theory, positive and effective classroom management and discipline, curriculum delivery models, and the creation of developmentally appropriate curriculum and learning environments. Students in the Teacher Academy of Maryland will have the opportunity to participate in pre-professional development activities including visits to classrooms at the elementary through high school levels, internship experiences providing interaction with students of multiple age levels and in multiple subjects, and conferences and workshops sponsored by and designed for educators.

Recommended Electives

Teacher Academy of Maryland students are advised to take at least two years of a World Language; Spanish being recommended. Students who are preparing for a career teaching middle/high school should pursue additional courses in the subject area they are planning to teach (e.g. Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Humanities/Arts).

Prerequisites

Although no specific courses are required as prerequisites, students should seek volunteer or paid experience working with children as confirmation of their career academy choice.

Successful Academy Students:

- Maintain a C average in all academy coursework.
- Complete a portfolio documenting academic and work-based skills and achievements.

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Algebra I or above	Geometry or above	Algebra II or above	Mathematics
Science	Biology*	Science	Elective
U.S. History	American Government	World History	Elective
Technology Education	Elective	Elective	Elective
Lifetime Fitness/Health	Elective	Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction-CT-924-1	Elective
Fine Arts	Human Growth and Development - Honors CT-920-1	Teaching as a Profession - G/T CT-925-1	Field Experience in Education (Teacher Academy) - G/T CT-927-1, CT-927-2, CT-927-3

* Some students may take Biology G/T in 9th grade.

Shaded areas designate completer coursework.

College Credit

Through a special partnership with Howard Community College's Teacher Education Program, students enrolled in the course, Teaching as a Profession - G/T CT-925-1, are eligible to be dually enrolled in the three-credit college course, Introduction to Education (EDUC 110).

Students who are preparing for a career in Early Childhood or Elementary Teaching who earn a grade of B or higher in Child Development, Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction, and Teaching as a Profession may be eligible for up to 6 credits at Howard Community College. To receive this credit, students must enroll in one of the Associate in Arts transfer degree programs in Early Childhood or Elementary Education or in an Associate of Applied Science or certificate career program in Early Childhood Development. Students who are preparing for a career teaching in a secondary setting may earn 3 college credits for receiving a grade of B or higher in Teaching as a Profession. To receive this credit, students must enroll in a Secondary Education Associate of Arts degree.

Students who are preparing for a career in Early Childhood, Elementary or Secondary Teaching, who earn grades of B or higher in all four required Academy courses, may earn college credits from Towson University, Stevenson University, or Coppin State University.

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Industry Certification

Upon completion of the four required Academy courses including the internship, students may choose to take the ParaPro, a nationally recognized examination required by the state of Maryland for employment as a highly qualified instructional assistant.

Sample Career Options		
< 4-Year Degree	4-Year Degree	> 4-Year Degree
Childcare Worker	Early Childhood Teacher	Child Psychologist
Daycare Center Owner/Director	Elementary Teacher	Guidance Counselor
Family Day Care Provider	High School Teacher	Pediatric/Obstetrics Nurse
Instructional Assistant/Aide	Parent Educator	School Administrator
Preschool Director	Preschool Teacher	Social Worker
Recreation Program Director		Speech Therapist