

Flexible Course Options

MCPS-Certification Unit

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This is a list of some course options available to teachers, most of which we gathered from teachers. It is not exhaustive. Please contact the [Certification Unit](#) if you find errors or changes we should note.

IMPORTANT: *Questions about the applicability of any course work toward certification or salary advancement should be submitted to the Certification Coordinator, Marie Bercaw, in the Certification Unit in the Department of Human Capital Management. We suggest contacting us BEFORE registering or taking any coursework in question.*

A written request (via email) to Ms. Marie Bercaw, including a link to the college website, the course name, course description, college information, the type of credit awarded, and how the course will be applied (salary, certification requirements) for consideration.

Tuition reimbursement is a separate unit and an MCPS benefit, which means not all courses acceptable for certification purposes may be reimbursable. Contact them directly for information:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/personnel/about/tuition.aspx>

NOTE: COURSES MUST BE TAKEN FOR ACADEMIC UNIVERSITY CREDIT (graduate or undergraduate, a grade of C or better). Only graduate credits apply toward salary advancement. Do not choose non-credit options since these do not result in academic credit.

Adams State College (Distance Learning): They offer undergraduate and graduate courses. This may be an option for teachers who need content courses at the undergraduate level to meet certification requirements. They also offer quite an array of graduate courses and are very affordable.

http://www.adams.edu/extended_studies/ (click Distance Courses & Graduate)

Advancement Courses via regionally accredited university partners:

<http://www.advancementcourses.com/index.php>

American Museum of Natural History: <http://learn.amnh.org/grad/> (Graduate credits from several regionally accredited universities for science courses.)

Armchaired.com offers graduate credits through Seattle Pacific University and undergraduate credits through Western Washington University: <https://www.armchaired.com/> (They offer primarily education courses for professional development. To use toward salary advancement, you must pay for and receive the SPU credits.)

The Art of Education via Morningside College: <http://www.theartofed.com/classes/> (Professional development courses for art teachers.)

California State University, East Bay Continuing Education: <http://www.ce.csueastbay.edu/> (Note that these courses are quarter hours will be converted to semester hours for use toward Maryland and MCPS requirements. E.g., 3 quarter hours = 2 semester hours)

CE Credits Online:

<https://www.creditsonline.org/collections/courses> (Follow specific instructions for registering and paying for the graduate level credits.)

Creative Teacher Education Institute via University of the Pacific: <https://creativeteachered.org/product-category/university-of-the-pacific/> (Follow specific instructions for registering and paying for the graduate level credits.)

Creative Teacher Education Institute via Adams State University: <https://creativeteachered.org/product-category/adams-state-university/> (Follow specific instructions for registering and paying for the graduate level credits.)

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Dominican University of California: <http://dominicancaonline.com/> (MCPS does not reimburse their coursework as of December 2016.)

Drake University: <http://www.drake.edu/edex/distance/index.php>

Fresno Pacific University: http://www.fresno.edu/academics/programs/professional_development

Grand Canyon University: <http://www.gcu.edu/College-of-Education/Continuing-Education-for-Teachers.php>

Idaho State University: <https://www.isu.edu/onlinepd/> (self-paced online courses)

Idioma Education via the University of the Pacific: <https://www.pacific.edu/academics/university-college/professional-development/courses-for-teachers/idioma-education.html> (Foreign Language and travel courses)

Iowa State University: <https://www.distance.iastate.edu/online-course-listing/>

Learner's Edge Online via regionally accredited university partners: <http://www.learnersedgeinc.com/>

Loyola Marymount University Extension Ed2Go Courses:
<http://www.ed2go.com/lmuextension/> (These are the only Ed2Go courses acceptable since they result in graduate credits through Loyola Marymount University. If you just search for Ed2Go, you will find many other universities but they are offered a noncredit or undergraduate.)

Montana State University: <http://eu.montana.edu/credit/profdev/>

Maryland State Department of Education Online Professional Development Courses:
<https://msde.instructure.com/courses/568> (Go to PL Online Course Offerings at
<https://msde.instructure.com/courses/568/pages/msde-professional-learning-online-course-offerings-and-resources>)

PBS TeacherLine via regionally accredited university partners: <http://www.pbs.org/teacherline/?cc=tlredir>

Professional Development Institute via University of California San Diego (UCSD) Extension graduate credits:
<http://www.webteaching.com/>

Ready, Aim, Teach: <https://readyaimteach.com/> (Must pay the additional fee to receive graduate credits through their partner university, currently Trinity Washington University. Contact Ready, Aim, Teach for details.)

S&S Online Learning: <https://ssww.teachable.com/courses/category/Graduate%20Credit> (Select Graduate Credit from Category to find courses acceptable for renewal and salary advancement.) Follow the instructions provided for the course regarding how to apply for and earn the graduate credits provided by a partner university.

Shepherd University: <http://www.shepherd.edu/continuing-education/edpd> (A letter from the college verifying the grade of "S" is at least a B or better will be needed when submitting for [MCPS tuition reimbursement](#).)

Student Services Academy via regionally accredited university partner, Brandman University:
<https://studentservicesacademy.com/> (See FAQs for information about university partner.)

Teacher's Learning Center via regionally accredited university partners: <https://www.tlgraduatecredits.com/>

TeacherStep via Converse College: <https://www.teacherstep.com/>

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Thinkport: <http://www.thinkport.org/online-courses-overview.html> (Choose Graduate Credit or MSDE CPD Credit Courses)

Trinity Washington University: <http://www.trinitydc.edu/continuing-education/>

University of LaVerne Professional Development Courses: <http://www.pdcourses.net/courses.php>

University of Phoenix On-Line: <https://www.phoenix.edu/online-courses/continuing-teacher-education.html>
(Contact Ms. Berkebile at Nicole.Berkebile@phoneix.edu for information about courses and a discount.)

University of San Diego Division of Continuing Education: <https://pce.sandiego.edu/education/courses/>