

Creative Initiatives in Teacher Education (CITE) M.Ed.

Program Overview

Quick Facts:

- Duration: 2 years (part-time)
- Start: Spring (late January) or Fall (late August)
- Cost: \$29,750 tuition + \$300 fees
- Outcome: Maryland Elementary Teacher Licensure (Grades 1-6)
- Format: Blended (online + Tuesday evenings in-person)

General Information

Q: What is CITE? CITE is a 2-year, 34-credit graduate program for conditionally hired teachers and paraeducators to earn MSDE elementary licensure (grades 1-6) while working full-time in Maryland schools.

Q: Who is this for? The program is for conditionally hired teachers and paraeducators employed in Maryland schools seeking elementary licensure.

Q: How long does it take? The program takes 2 years with coursework during fall/spring semesters and condensed summer/winter terms.

Q: When does it start? One cohort is admitted each semester in the fall and spring.

Admission Requirements

Q: What are the basic requirements?

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Current Maryland school district employment
- Three professional recommendations (including current principal)



- CV/resume

Q: Are prerequisites required? Yes. MSDE requires 6 semester credits each in Mathematics, English/Language Arts, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. We review your undergraduate transcripts to determine if you need to complete coursework in any area. It is advisable to complete them before beginning the program. Send unofficial undergraduate transcripts to [Carolina Napp-Avelli](#), the CITE Advisor, for a transcript analysis.

Q: What is the application deadline? The Fall 2026 application deadline is June 2nd..

Course Structure

Q: What is the Program format?

Fall and Spring Semesters: Blended format with in-person class meetings every Tuesday evening from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Laurel College Center in Laurel, Maryland. Additional online coursework is completed synchronously or asynchronously throughout the week. The summer and winter Terms are fully online and asynchronous (no in-person meetings)

Q: Course load?

- Fall/Spring: 7 credits (2-3 courses)
- Summer: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Winter: 3 credits (1 course)

Q: Time commitment? 10-12 hours weekly outside class meetings.

Q: What courses are included? 34 credits covering:

- Content Methodology: Reading/Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
- Specialized: Special Education, ESOL, Digital Learning, Educational Research
- Continuous Seminar: Lesson planning, teaching strategies, and assessment practices

Q: What are the Internship requirements? The internship is satisfied through resident teaching in your current classroom with CITE faculty and school mentor support.

Financial Information

Q: What is the program cost?

- Tuition: \$875/credit × 34 credits = \$29,750
- Application fee: \$75
- Watermark Learning Platform fee: \$139
- Total: \$29,964

Q: Does the University offer payment plans? Yes. UMD offers [Terp Payment Plan](#) with monthly payments.

Q: How can I receive financial support?

- View funding opportunities [here](#)
- Contact your school district regarding possible tuition reimbursement

Licensure and Outcomes

Q: Will I be licensed after completion? Yes. You will be eligible for MSDE professional elementary licensure (grades 1-6).

Q: Additional tests required?

- Praxis Content Knowledge for Teaching (Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies)
- Praxis Teaching Reading in Elementary Education

Q: Completion rate? Approximately 95% complete within 2 years.



Application Instructions

1. Visit <https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/choose-maryland> and click "Apply Now"
2. Create an account at <https://terpengage.umd.edu/community/CustomLoginPage?GradApp=True>
3. In "Educational Intent":
 - Application Type: Degree
 - Level: Masters
 - Program: Curriculum & Instruction (EDCI), M.Ed./Cert
 - Area: Creative Initiatives in Teacher Education
 - Area 2: Elementary (1-6) (CITE)
 - Term: Fall 2026
4. Upload transcripts, resume, statement of purpose
5. Provide 3 recommendation contacts, one of which should be your principal
6. Pay a \$75 fee

Note: International transcripts require an original and an English translation. ECE/WES evaluations not accepted.

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