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

A UMD M.Ed. designed for educators already in or considering positions in Maryland schools.

"Keep your job. Earn your license."

CITE is the University of Maryland's M.Ed. program for people already working in, or planning to work in Maryland schools. In two years — one night a week — you earn full elementary teacher licensure and a graduate degree, without leaving your job or your paycheck.

Quick Facts:

- Start: Fall (late August) or Spring (late January)
- Outcome: Maryland Elementary Teacher Licensure (Grades 1-6) and an M.Ed. degree
- Format: Blended (online + Tuesday evenings in-person)
- People: Conditionally hired teachers, Paraeducators, Career Changers
- Timeframe: 2 years

The CITE program maintains a high standard of student success, with 91% of candidates completing all degree and licensure requirements within the 2-year program.

Admission Requirements

Q: What are the basic requirements to participate?

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Three professional recommendations (including current principal)
- CV/resume
- Active or anticipated employment within a Maryland school

Q: Are there necessary prerequisites? *Prerequisites*– Applicants need to have completed 6 semester credits across four specific disciplines: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics. These may be from undergraduate or graduate coursework.

Q: Will you accept transfer credit? *Transfer Credit*– Credits from previous graduate-level studies may apply to CITE courses if they meet eligibility criteria.

We provide an academic record review and analysis for prerequisite or transfer credit work. Please forward unofficial copies of your graduate and undergraduate transcripts to Carolina Napp-Avelli, the CITE Advisor, who will conduct a complete transcript analysis for you.

Q: What is the application deadline? Applications should be submitted for Fall by June 4th and for Spring by December 17th.

Course Structure

Q: What is the Program format?

Fall and Spring Semesters– Blended format of in-person class meetings on Tuesday evenings, synchronous Zoom class sessions on Wednesdays, and asynchronous sessions on Thursdays.
Summer and Winter Terms– Fully online and asynchronous

Q: What is the course load?
The CITE curriculum consists of 34 total credits, distributed across the sessions listed below.

- Fall/Spring: 7 credits (2-3 courses each of 3 semesters)
- Summer: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Winter: 2 credits (1 course)
- Final Semester: 5 credits (3 courses)

Q: What courses are included?

- 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: Is there an internship requirement? Candidates fulfill the internship via resident teaching in their school.

Financial Information

Q: What is the program cost?

- Tuition: $875/credit × 34 credits = $29,750

- Application fee: Fall-$90, Spring-waiver
- Watermark Student Learning and Licensure Platform fee

Q: Does the University offer payment plans? UMD offers the Terp Payment Plan that allows you to make monthly payments over the course of the semester.

Q: Are there methods for financial support? Multiple funding sources are available for teaching pathway programs. View funding opportunities here.

Various Maryland schools and districts provide tuition assistance for their staff members. Specific details regarding our partner organizations are provided in the section below.

- Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- Prince George's County Public Schools

Licensure and Outcomes

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

Q: Are there required licensure assessments? Information about the required Praxis exams and possible waivers is available here. Praxis preparation is provided through the program.

The following Praxis exams are required for licensure.

- Praxis Content Knowledge for Teaching (Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies)- 4 assessments
- Praxis Teaching Reading in Elementary Education

Application Instructions

Q: How do I apply?

1. Visit https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/apply-now and follow the steps provided.
2. 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: Spring 2027
3. Upload transcripts, resume, statement of purpose
4. Provide 3 recommendation contacts, one of which should be your principal
5. Pay a $75 fee (waiver provided)

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

Contacts

Q: Who can I contact for questions?

- **Program Director:** Theresa Nebel Robinson, tnebrob1@umd.edu
- **Advisor:** Carolina Napp-Avelli, cnapp@umd.edu
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