

Program Format

- ◆ New cohorts are scheduled to begin in May (spring), August (fall), and January (winter)
- ◆ Evening courses (pre-certification courses) will be offered at the Livonia campus at 6 pm, Monday through Thursday.
- ◆ The majority of post certification coursework will be offered online.

Schoolcraft College has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education as a Michigan Alternate Route to Interim Teacher Certification (MARITC) Program provider.



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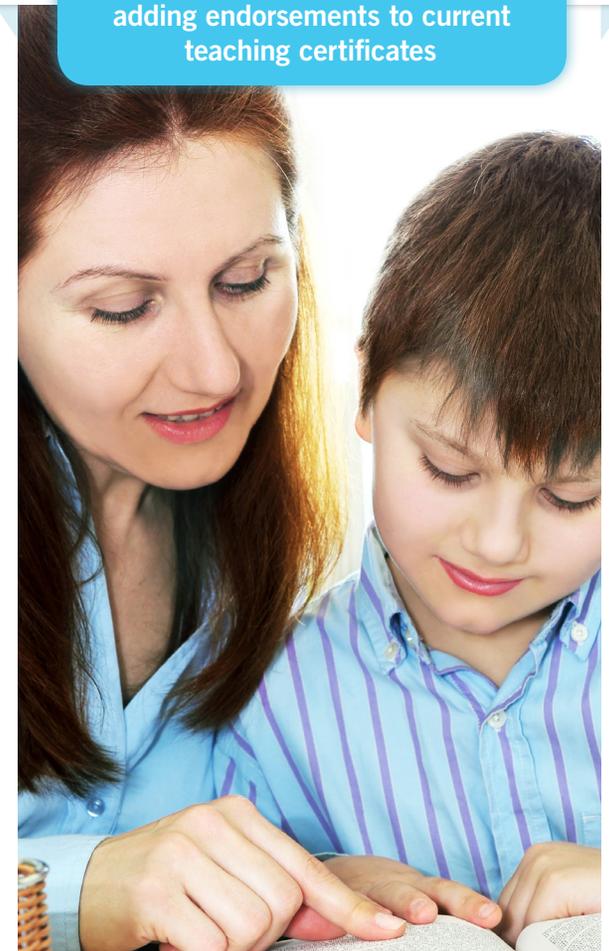
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The **SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**
ALTERNATE ROUTE
to **INTERIM TEACHER**
CERTIFICATION Program

Initial certification as well as adding endorsements to current teaching certificates



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ALTERNATE ROUTE to INTERIM TEACHER CERTIFICATION *Program*

Schoolcraft's Alternate Route to Interim Teacher Certification (ARC) Program is recognized and approved by the Michigan Department of Education to prepare and recommend qualified candidates for the Michigan Interim Teaching Certificate. The ARC program is designed for college graduates who meet specific admission requirements to become certified classroom teachers using a rigorous, accelerated preparation program. The teaching certificate will enable program completers to teach in Michigan's public, charter, and parochial classrooms in a wide variety of disciplines. An individual can become certified to teach in as little as one semester. Unlike the traditional teacher preparation program, the ARC teacher's certification or endorsement(s) is not contingent on their prior academic major or minor.

In addition, currently certified teachers can now also use the ARC program to add additional endorsements to their teaching certificates. Candidates will complete the current ARC coursework and requirements. As in the case of initial certification, a major or minor in the endorsement area is not required.

Benefits for Districts/Schools

- ♦ Teachers with "real life" experience and content knowledge who are passionate about their new teaching careers
- ♦ Highly qualified, newly trained teachers seamlessly enter classrooms where they are most needed
- ♦ Diverse groups of certified teachers with expertise in areas such as: math, sciences, foreign languages, ESL, etc.
- ♦ Opportunity to identify exceptional individuals, currently within the district, to teach in the classroom
- ♦ Newly trained teachers with a higher than traditional retention rate in teaching
- ♦ Promote a culture of peer mentoring within the building
- ♦ Supplement professional development offerings with the ARC's workshops and seminars

Who Should Consider the ARC Program

- ♦ Current teachers
- ♦ Substitute teachers
- ♦ Paraprofessionals
- ♦ District/School non-certified personnel
- ♦ Knowledgeable and talented individuals seeking to become educators

About the Michigan Interim Teaching Certificate

- ♦ Teachers with an Interim Teaching Certificate are considered highly qualified and may be employed as the classroom teacher of record in any Michigan school (School Code MCL 380.1531).
- ♦ Candidates may be recommended for elementary education (grades K-5, 6-8 self-contained) or secondary education (grades 6-12, K-12) certificates.
- ♦ All program requirements must be completed within five (5) years.

- ♦ Special Education and Early Childhood endorsements are not available.
- ♦ Individuals can use the ARC program for initial certification or to add an endorsement(s) to their current Michigan teaching certificate.

State of Michigan Admission Requirements

- ♦ Minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- ♦ Minimum grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 point scale)*
- ♦ Pass the new (March 2016 or later) SAT Exam. The MTTC PRE or MTTC Basic Skills Exams may also be used.
- ♦ Pass the applicable MTTC Subject Area Test(s)
- ♦ Criminal history check

* Individuals with a Grade Point Average of 2.70 to 2.99 may contact the Teacher Education Office at 734-462-4335 to request a transcript review.

Peer Mentoring and Continuous Professional Development

The ARC program sponsors the newly certified teacher while teaching with the interim certificate. A robust peer mentorship program and ongoing professional development coursework will be provided to each ARC teacher.

The program, in consultation with the building administrator and the teacher, will identify a qualified teacher in the building who would serve as the ARC teacher's peer mentor. Additional professional development and individual support are offered throughout the program. The mentoring and professional development program does not replace nor interfere with the building's/district's professional growth program.