
Howard County Public School System Graduate and Continuing Education Cohort Programs Career Development Opportunities for Howard County Public School System Employees

The University Partnerships Program works to develop and sustain high quality school leaders by coordinating a variety of higher education opportunities that may be offered in a cohort format. Programs are aligned with system goals and offered at reduced rates at convenient off-campus locations.

Opportunities Include:

Concordia University - [Web site](#)

Concordia University is making it easier for educators in HCPSS to earn a M.Ed. or Ed.D. online. Concordia is a non-profit, faith-based university whose online education programs are ranked among the best by *US News*. Concordia is regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities. Educators from HCPSS enrolled in the one-year online Master of Education program will receive \$2,000 tuition grant, 10% reduction in tuition, an Apple iPad to enhance online learning, and free textbooks for the entire program of study. Educators from HCPSS enrolled in the online Doctorate of Education program will receive 20% tuition reduction and an Apple iPad to enhance online learning. For more information or to apply, visit the above Web site or call 1-800-239-1722.

Johns Hopkins University

Online Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

This program is specifically designed for practitioners who are in leadership positions that focus on improving school environments. This part-time degree bridges theory with practice and provides practical skills in such key areas as the science of learning; educational organizations, contexts, and systems; and applied research and evaluation. Students must complete an area of specialization choosing from: online teaching and learning, entrepreneurial leadership in education, or mind, brain and teaching. For more information, visit education.jhu.edu/EdD.

Master of Science and Certificate Programs in School Administration and Supervision

Johns Hopkins University offers a Master of Science and certificate programs in School Administration and Supervision. These programs are specially designed to prepare students to lead 21st century schools and lead to certification in school administration and supervision. Both online and face-to-face options also allow students to tailor their learning experience to meet their individual needs, whether it's in technology, data-decision making, assessment, or best practices. Students can even take the graduate certificate as a stand-alone or combine it with another certificate in a specialized area to earn a degree. Want to learn about the program, visit education.jhu.edu/Lead for more information. Still have questions? Speak with one of their admissions representatives at soe.info@jhu.edu or 877-JHU-SOE1.

Graduate Certificate Program in Mind, Brain, and Teaching

Johns Hopkins School of Education's new graduate certificate in Mind, Brain, and Teaching is designed for P-12 teachers, administrators, and student support personnel who seek to explore how the latest research into the brain sciences can inform teaching and learning. For additional

information, visit education.jhu.edu/Academics/certificates/mindbrain/ or contact Dr. Mariale Hardiman at mhardiman@jhu.edu or 410-516-8225.

Earth/Space Science Graduate Certificate

Johns Hopkins School of Education is offering a unique opportunity to science teachers interested in earning graduate credits and enhancing their knowledge of the earth/space sciences. The 18-credit Earth/Space Science Certificate (ESSC), offered in collaboration with the Maryland Space Grant Consortium (MSCG), provides teachers access to the latest scientific research and hands-on demonstrations that have practical and immediate application to the classroom. Classes include hands-on interactive materials, online and problem-based learning, demonstrations, and experiment modules that you can take back to your classroom. For more information, visit <http://education.jhu.edu/otherspecializations/earthspace-science.html>.

Online Educational Leadership Institute

Our new online Institute offers educators the opportunity for advanced study in a carefully designed program addressing many of the leadership issues facing 21st century educational organizations. Participants will explore in considerable depth key topics of interest to professionals in public and private education organizations. Taught by leading academicians, the program will feature four high-level courses where students can apply advances in learning to their work environment, gain new leadership skills, and participate in a cohort of colleagues with similar experiences. Participants in the Institute have the option of applying for one or more courses. A master's degree is required for admission to the Institute. Students earn three graduate credits upon successful completion of each course. *Note: Students can apply two of the courses to the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program that has a specialty track in entrepreneurial leadership. Enrollment in the Institute courses does not guarantee admission to the Ed.D. that has a separate application process.* For more information, visit education.jhu.edu/ELI2013 or contact our admissions team at soe.info@jhu.edu or (877) JHU-SOE1.

Johns Hopkins University - Whiting School of Engineering

Engineering for Professionals STEM Program

The Johns Hopkins University's Engineering for Professionals STEM Program, part of the Whiting School of Engineering, will provide free tuition to Maryland public and private high school teachers who want to further their professional development in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. For more information about the EP STEM program, visit ep.jhu.edu/STEM. If you have specific questions regarding this application or our degree programs, please call 410-516-2300 or 1-800-JHU-ENGR or send e-mail to stem@ep.jhu.edu.

Kaplan University - [Web site](#)

Kaplan University now offers a convenient, flexible solution for earning your master's degree online in a variety of programs. HCPSS teachers and administrators are eligible for a 30 percent tuition reduction on School of Graduate Education programs. To learn more about their online graduate education programs, contact an admissions advisor today at 877-879-0468 or [click here](#).

Loyola University - [Web site](#)

Master's Program in Educational Technology

This is a 36-credit program, which includes a 9-credit departmental core, a 24-credit technology core, and a 3-credit internship. A student wishing to pursue the M.A. degree may elect to complete a 6-credit thesis in place of what is required for the M.Ed. For more information, contact Tonya Lewis at 410-671-2000 or tlewis@loyola.edu or Bernadette Gallegos at (885) 296-7049 or

bernadetteg@graduateprogram.org.

Master of Arts in Educational Leadership

Loyola University offers a Master of Arts or Master of Education in Educational Leadership or an 18-credit program of certification in administration and supervision for those with a master's degree and 27 months successful teaching. Classes are held at the Columbia Campus, 8890 McGaw Road. For more information, contact Tonya Lewis at 410-671-2000 or tlewis@loyola.edu / Bernadette Gallegos at (885) 296-7049 or

bernadetteg@graduateprogram.org.

Master of Arts in Literacy w/Reading Specialist Certification

This 39-credit program is designed for experienced classroom teachers looking to gain a strong foundation in reading and the development of leadership skills. In this program, you will prepare not only to meet the needs of struggling readers, but also to assume leadership positions within your school. Teachers are required to have at least three years of full-time teaching experience in order to be eligible to earn certification as a reading specialist. For more information, contact Tonya Lewis at 410-671-2000 or tlewis@loyola.edu / Bernadette Gallegos at (885) 296-7049 or

bernadetteg@graduateprogram.org.

Master of Arts in Special Education w/Certification

This 39-credit program is designed for experienced classroom teachers who wish to support the diverse needs of students with disabilities in a variety of educational settings across the middle and high school grades and to fulfill leadership roles in the field of special education. For more information, contact Tonya Lewis at 410-671-2000 or tlewis@loyola.edu / Bernadette Gallegos at (885) 296-7049 or bernadetteg@graduateprogram.org.

Master of Arts in Special Education –Elementary/Middle w/Initial Certification

This 51-credit program is designed for individuals seeking initial certification who wish to support the diverse needs of students with disabilities in a variety of educational settings across the elementary and middle grades, and who wish to provide leadership in the field of special education. For more information, contact Tonya Lewis at 410-671-2000 or tlewis@loyola.edu / Bernadette Gallegos at (885) 296-7049 or bernadetteg@graduateprogram.org.

Graduate Certificate to become a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

Loyola University is offering an opportunity to anyone with current school counselor certification to take the coursework to become a licensed clinical professional counselor. This is a 15-credit program. For more information, contact Tonya Lewis at 410-671-2000 or tlewis@loyola.edu / Bernadette Gallegos at (885) 296-7049 or bernadetteg@graduateprogram.org.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching English Language Learners

This 15-credit program is designed for certified teachers interested in becoming more proficient in working with the growing student population for whom English is a second or third language, as well as those professionals who work with children and young adults who are ELLs. For more information, contact Tonya Lewis at 410-671-2000 or tlewis@loyola.edu / Bernadette Gallegos at (885) 296-7049 or bernadetteg@graduateprogram.org.

McDaniel College - [Web site](#)

Master of Science in Educational Leadership

McDaniel College offers a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in educational leadership or with a concentration in classroom pedagogy for teacher leadership. A graduate certificate program in school leadership and supervision is available for students who currently have a master's degree. For additional information, visit mcdaniel.edu/admin1 or contact Andy Barshinger at 888-559-6100 or abarshinger@mcdaniel.edu.

Master of Science in Exercise Science and Physical Education

The Exercise Science and Physical Education Department of McDaniel College is announcing a new M.S. degree program to deliver a curriculum of courses that will provide the skills, knowledge, and tools to become effective athletic administrators and sport program directors. Integrated within the graduate courses offered by McDaniel College to HCPSS personnel, MSADA will introduce NIAAA Leadership Training Courses leading to athletic director certification. For more information, contact Dr. Joe Jacobs at jjacobs@mcdaniel.edu or 410-386-4014.

Elementary Mathematics Instructional Leader (EMIL) Program

McDaniel College is offering an EMIL Program for PreK-6 Instructional Leaders Certification. The EMIL program and related coursework is designed for practicing elementary or early childhood educators who seek positions as mathematics instructional leaders or specialists at the elementary school level. The program was developed in collaboration with a partnership between McDaniel College's Elementary Mathematics Specialists and Teacher Leaders Project supported by The Brookhill Foundation. For more information, visit mcdaniel.edu/EMIL or contact Dr. Francis (Skip) Fennell, at www.mathspecialists.org, ffennell@mcdaniel.edu, or 410-857-2501.

Graduate Certificate in Equity and Excellence in Education

This certificate program offers HCPSS employees the opportunity to develop a core of essential knowledge and skills in equity and excellence in education. Course offerings include Foundations of Social Justice Teaching, Race and Ethnicity in American Education, Culturally Reflective Instruction, Leadership for Equity and Excellence, and Equity and Excellence Capstone. For more information, visit mcdaniel.edu/equityed or contact Ms. Peg Kulow at mkulow@mcdaniel.edu or 410-871-3117.

Morgan State University

Urban Educational Leadership Doctoral Program

Morgan State University's Department of Advanced Studies, Leadership, and Policy offers a 66-hour Ed.D. program designed to prepare doctoral candidates to assume leadership positions in schools and other educational agencies as educational administrator and/or planners, researchers of social policy, fiscal officers, and facilities and operational analysts. For additional information, visit [morgan.edu/School_of_Education_and_Urban_Studies/Departments/Advanced_Studies_Leadership_and_Policy/DegreesMajors/Urban_Educational_Leadership_Program_\(EdD\).html](http://morgan.edu/School_of_Education_and_Urban_Studies/Departments/Advanced_Studies_Leadership_and_Policy/DegreesMajors/Urban_Educational_Leadership_Program_(EdD).html) or contact Dr. Warren Hayman at bcps@comcast.net or 443-885-1984.

Advanced Degrees in Mathematics and Science Education

The following degrees are offered: Ed.D. in Science Education, Ed.D. in Mathematics Education, M.S. in Science Education, and M.S. in Mathematics Education. Courses are designed for working professionals with part- or full-time study available for all programs. Dual tracks meeting the requirements for Administration Supervision I while earning the Ed.D. in math or science education will also be available. For further information, go to morgan.edu/academics/academic_programs.html - masters or call 443-885-3780.

National University - [Web site](#)

Master of Arts in Teaching (National Board Certification Focus)

Students can complete a master's program in about a year (10 one month courses). Classes will be online and in Howard County schools. There is a simple application process (no GRE). The development of the National Board Portfolio is embedded in coursework, and candidacy for National Board Certification is optional. For information about the Master of Arts in Teaching (National Board Certification focus), contact Doug Lea at nbct@live.com or 410-730-8165 or Rae Adams at radams@nu.edu or 858-642-8352.

Notre Dame of Maryland University

The *Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership for Changing Populations* is designed to prepare graduates to provide instructional leadership for linguistically and culturally non-mainstream learners. The driving purpose of the program is to use relevant contemporary scholarships to create an environment that improves the academic performance of all students, in particular that of new learners. The program requires a knowledge core, a research core, comprehensive examinations, and a formal dissertation. For more information, visit ndm.edu/academics/school-of-education/programs/phd-instructional-leadership/ or contact Christopher Rhodovi at crhodovi@ndm.edu or 410-532-5349.

Continuing Education for Teachers - virtualeduc.com/ndmu/

Notre Dame of Maryland University has partnered with Virtual Education Software, Inc. to offer graduate level continuing education courses for K-12 educators online or via CD-Rom. These interactive courses provide expert instruction at a pace that fits your schedule. To register for one or more courses, please call the registrar at (410) 532-5327.

B.A. in Elementary Education and an Accelerated Certificate for Teachers

For more than 120 years, Notre Dame of Maryland University has educated teachers who lead, prepare and transform their students' everyday. The School of Education is the second largest and the largest private preparer of teachers in Maryland. Notre Dame of Maryland University is now offering a B.A. in Elementary Education and an Accelerated Certificate for Teachers. (Graduate level classes for students who have already completed a Bachelor's Degree) To learn more about NDMU's B.A. in Elementary Education or the graduate-level Accelerated Certification for Teachers (ACT) contact Sister Sharon Slear, Dean, School of Education @ sslear@ndm.edu

Stevenson University - [Web site](#)

Master of Arts in Teaching

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with a STEM Focus Graduate Program is designed for career changers and recent science and math baccalaureate degree graduates who have a desire to inspire and empower a new generation of learners. Graduates of this program will meet all Maryland certification requirements and be prepared to teach biology, chemistry or mathematics at the middle and high school levels using the STEM model of education. STEM education integrates the content and practices of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to engage students in inquiry, logical reasoning, collaboration and investigation for solving real world challenges. For more information, contact Kristin Lilja at klilja@stevenson.edu or 443-352-4084 or visit us at <http://www.stevenson.edu/graduate-professional-studies/graduate-programs/master-of-arts-in-teaching/>

Towson University - [Web site](#)

Master's Program in Reading Education

This is a 36-credit program designed to prepare reading specialists primarily for K-12 education. The program is highly structured with nine required courses and three electives, which includes a 9-credit departmental core, a 24-credit technology core, and a 3-credit internship. For information about the M.Ed. REED program contact Barbara Clark at bclark@towson.edu or Dr. Barbara Laster, 410-704-2556 or blaster@towson.edu

Master's Program in Special Education – Initial Certification

This master's degree program is designed for teachers who are certified in an area other than special education. The entire program can be completed in two years. For additional information about this program, contact Judy Pattik at 410-313-5350 or Judith_pattik@hcpss.org or Barbara Clark at bclark@towson.edu.

Master's Degree in Special Education - Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Teacher as Leader in Autism Spectrum Disorder is an applied professional program designed to meet the needs related to educating students with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This 36 credit master of education degree program is designed for professionals who currently hold certification in special education or a related field such as psychology, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and social work. Students gain specialized knowledge and opportunities to apply this knowledge to better meet the educational needs of students with ASD. The program emphasizes the following themes related to ASD:

- Specific knowledge about core areas of impairment

- Application of research-based instructional and classroom management strategies

- Effective collaboration and consultation, action research, and leadership

Each course provides hands-on experience via an "application project" with implementation and reflection of teaching and leadership practices as related to ASD. For additional information about this program, contact Katherine C. Holman kholman@towson.edu at 410-704-3613, Judy Pattik Judith_pattik@hcpss.org at 410-313-5350 or Barbara Clark at bclark@towson.edu.

Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education

This 33-credit program will consist of seven required courses and four electives specially chosen to meet the needs of the early childhood teachers in Howard County. For information about the M.Ed in early childhood education program, contact Janese Daniels at ccedgrad@towson.edu or 410-704-4832 or Lisa Davis at lisa_davis@hcpss.org or 410-313-5659 or Barbara Clark, 410-704-5733 or bclark@towson.edu

Master's Degree in Mathematics Education - Middle School

This 12-course/36-credit program is for the fully certified teacher in the Howard County Public School System. For additional information, contact William Barnes at william_barnes@hcpss.org or Barbara Clark at bclark@towson.edu.

Master of Science in Human Resource Development for Aspiring Leaders

Leading from the Classroom/Educational Technology

This program is designed to prepare teachers for leadership positions with a focus on technology within the school or at the administrative level. Students completing 18 school administration credits and 18 technology credits will receive a Master of Science in Human Resource Development for aspiring leaders and MSDE ADMIN 1 certification. For additional information about this program, contact Julie Wray at 410-313-7476 or julie_wray@hcpss.org Barbara Clark at bclark@towson.edu.

Leading from the Classroom/Second Language Learners

This program is designed to prepare teachers for leadership positions with a focus on second language learners within the school or at the administrative level. Students completing 18 school administration credits and 18-second language learning credits will receive a Master of Science in Human Resource Development for aspiring leaders and their MSDE ADMIN 1 certification. For additional information about this program, contact Maha Abdelkader at 410-313-6669 or maha_abdelkader@hcpss.org or Barbara Clark at bclark@towson.edu.

Leading from the Classroom/Special Education

This program is designed to prepare teachers for leadership positions with a focus on special education within the school or at the administrative level. Students completing 18 school administration credits and 18 special education credits will receive a Master of Science in Human Resource Development for aspiring leaders and their MSDE ADMIN 1 certification. For additional information about this program, contact Judy Pattik at 410-313-5350 or judy_pattik@hcpss.org or Barbara Clark at bclark@towson.edu.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Autism Studies

Towson University will be offering a two-year, 16-credit Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program in Autism Studies. This program offers advanced training for professionals working with individuals on the autism spectrum or with other complex and overlapping challenges (e.g. behavior problems, social difficulties, anxiety disorders, executive function issues, and rigidity/resistance to change.) Students gain an enormous breadth and depth of autism-focused knowledge. For additional information about this program, contact Judy Pattik at 410-313-5350 or judy_pattik@hcpss.org or For more information, please contact: Barbara Clark, Director, Towson Learning Network (TLN) Towson University 410-704-5733 or bclark@towson.edu

Master's in Business Administration Program

Towson State University offers a Master's in Business Administration Program to all HCPSS *teachers, central office staff, and building administrators*. This 3 year, 45 hour MBA program offers the expertise of faculty members from two of the region's strongest business schools—University of Baltimore's Merrick School of Business and Towson University's College of Business and Economics. The forward-thinking curriculum prepares you for the new realities of today's complex business environment while readying you for the opportunities of tomorrow. For more information, please contact: Barbara Clark, Director, Towson Learning Network (TLN) Towson University 410-704-5733 or bclark@towson.edu

Master's in Integrated Art Program

Towson University's Arts Integration Institute in partnership with Howard Public Schools is offering a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Arts Integration. Towson University's Arts Integration Institute Helps Maryland Educators find new way to engage students actively in all subject areas by integrating theatre, music, dance and visual arts into the curriculum, cultivating well-rounded students who learn through self discovery and creative expression, and flourish in today's classroom and tomorrow's marketplace. For more information Contact Susan Rotkovitz srotkovitz@towson.edu or Barbara Clark bclark@towson.edu

University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) - [Web site](#)

Certificate and Master's Degree Programs focusing on Teacher Leadership

The purpose of these programs is to enhance participants' content knowledge and instructional strategies and to build leadership capacity among HCPSS teachers.

Master of Arts in Education concentrating in Science, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) Education. This 36-credit program is designed primarily for practicing K-8 teachers who wish to receive a more in-depth background in K-8 STEM Education. For additional information, contact Tracy Irish at tirish1@umbc.edu or 410-455-3050.

Master's Degree for K-8 Mathematics Leadership Specialist or 18-Credit Certificate for K-8 Mathematics Leadership Specialist Individuals interested in these programs or an *18-credit certificate for 9-12 mathematics leadership specialist* should contact Jerri Frick at frick@umbc.edu or 410-455-1356.

Masters of Art in K-8 or Secondary Mathematics Education for Certified Teachers

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County in partnership with HCPSS is offering Online Masters of Arts Programs K-8 or Secondary Mathematics. Those interested please see the should contact UMBC MAE Program Director, Jerri Frick 410-455-1356 frick@umbc.edu, UMBC MAE Program Coordinator, Rita Williams 410-455-6579 ritaw@umbc.edu

Master's Degree or 18-Credit Post-Baccalaureate Certificate with a Concentration in K-12 E Writing and Literacy For additional information, contact Nancy Rankie Shelton at nshelton@umbc.edu.

12-Credit Graduate Program in ESOL designed for certified teachers who are interested in adding an ESOL endorsement. These courses provide experienced teachers with the know-how to work with students whose first language is not English. Maryland public school teachers and paraeducators are eligible to apply for our new Intercounty Online ESOL Certificate Program. Participants will receive a 10% reduction in tuition for the four courses. All courses will be offered completely online. For more information, contact Mary Tabaa at tabaa@umbc.edu or 410-455-1392.

University of Phoenix

At the University of Phoenix, you have the opportunity to earn your degree while staying on top of your personal and professional responsibilities. Depending on the program you choose, you can attend class online—anytime, anywhere in the world—or at one of over 200 locations nationwide. For additional information, contact Angela M. Simmons at angela.m.simmons@phoneix.edu or 301-623-2938.

Walden University - [Web site](#)

Walden University offers online programs for those interested in earning their bachelors, masters and doctoral program degrees in a variety of majors. Eligible students will receive a reduction in their tuition. Programs can be taken at anytime during the year. For additional information, please contact Katie Hykes-Waddel at Katie.hykes@waldenu.edu or 1-443-286-3196.

Walden's Accelerated Model

The Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership at Walden University, a National

Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)–accredited institution, now offers three accelerated M.S. in Education (M.S.Ed.) specializations. You can earn your degree in 12–16 months for less than \$10,000.* Enhance your skills, improve your effectiveness, and gain practical strategies that you can use immediately in your classroom. Designed for self-motivated education professionals, these accelerated M.S.Ed. specializations incorporate self-directed courses into the traditional online coursework, allowing you to complete your M.S.Ed. quickly and affordably. For additional information, please contact Katie Hykes-Waddel at Katie.hykes@waldenu.edu or 1-443-286-3196.

Washington Adventist University

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary/Special Education Dual Certification

Washington Adventist University’s Department of Education is offering a sixty-six credit program leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary/Special Education dual certification to individuals who currently hold an associate’s degree or higher. This is a two-year program. For additional information, contact Jamesa Lewis at jlewis@wau.edu or 1-301-891-4562.

For more information about any of the HCPSS Graduate and Continuing Education Programs listed above contact:

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University Liaison

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Department of Human Resources and

Development

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To find out how the HCPSS Credit Reimbursement Program supports your professional development contact,

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