



# LOCAL HEROES

Alternative Route to Interim  
Teacher Certification (ARC)

# Workshop #2: Overview of the Alternative Route to Interim Teacher Certification (ARC)

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# Introductions

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In the chat, list the number of transfer plans you have in education programs.

# Review of Local Heroes Project: ARC Workshop #1

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\$500,000 has been allocated in the 2025 FY State budget for MCCA to build stronger educational and career pathways for **K-12 teachers**, first responders, and allied health professionals

- K-12 Staffing Challenges
- State of Michigan K-12 Certification Requirements
- Overview of Teacher Program Options

# Workshop #1 – Types of Teacher Preparation Options in Michigan

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## Traditional

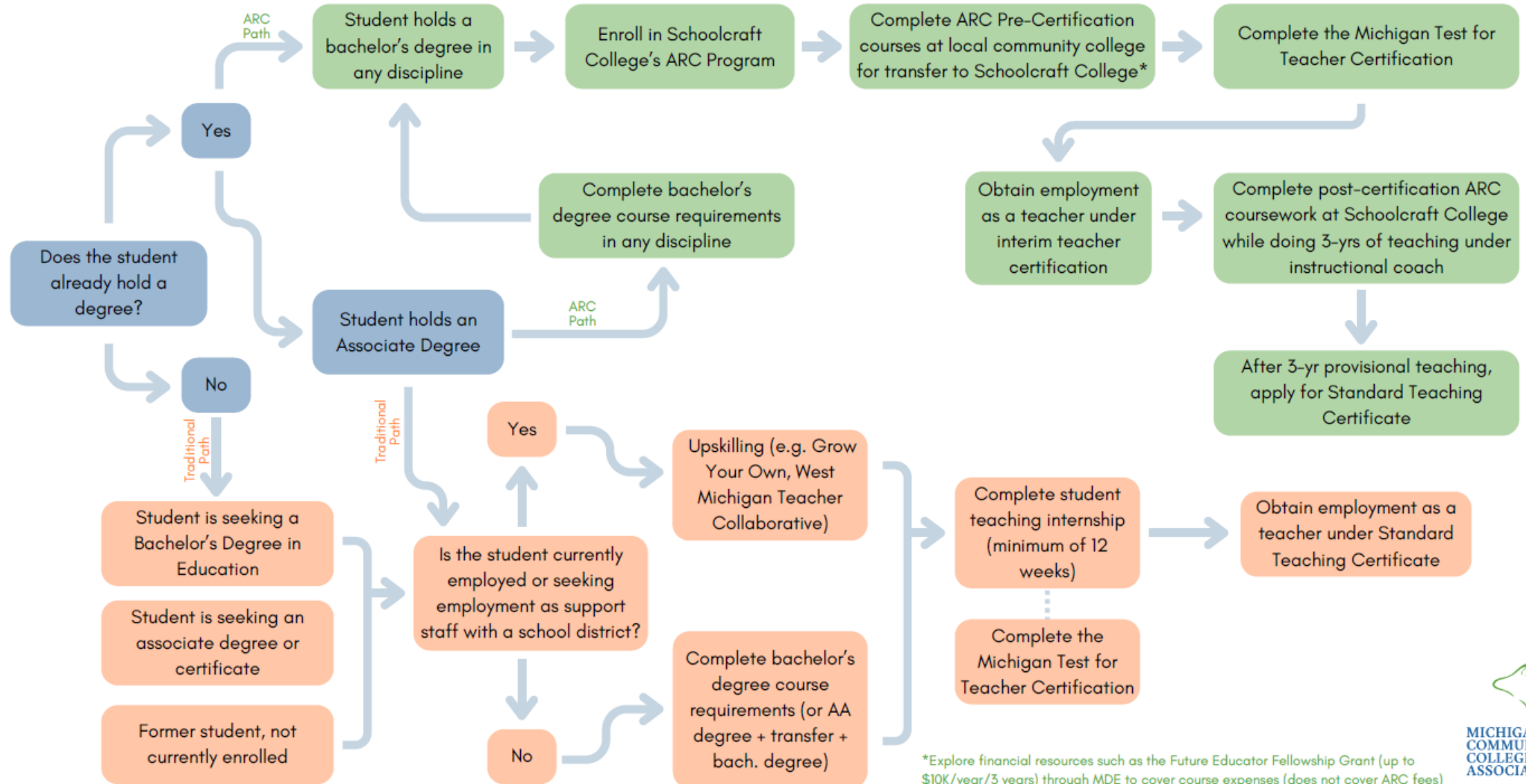
Offered at either an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate level through an approved Michigan Education Program Provider (EPP).



## Alternative

An alternative pathway allows an individual to be employed as a full-time teacher (under the Interim Teaching Certificate) and work toward certification at the same time.

# TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM OPTIONS



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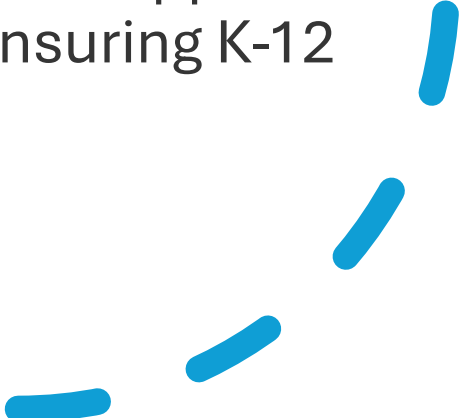


# ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO INTERIM TEACHER CERTIFICATION (ARC)

Source: [MDE](#)

The **ARC** is a non-traditional preparation program designed for individuals who hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree and are seeking to complete an expedited teacher preparation program while employed as a teacher under an Interim Teaching Certificate (ITC).

Ideally, an alternative route to teacher certification (ARC) is a collaborative effort between the teacher candidate, preparation provider, and K-12 school district. All three should work together to support the candidate in learning to teach, while ensuring K-12 learners' growth and development.



# ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO INTERIM TEACHER CERTIFICATION (ARC)

Source: [MDE](#)

Candidates enrolled in an alternative route program are eligible to apply for an Interim Teaching Certificate (**ITC**) upon:

- Passage of the appropriate endorsement area Michigan Test(s) for Teacher Certification ([MTTC](#))
- Successful completion of coursework and/or field-based experiences the alternative route provider may require before recommending candidates for an ITC
- The ITC is a Michigan-issued teaching certificate that entitles the holder to teach full-time in a Michigan school as the teacher of record. The ITC is a 5-year certificate and can only be issued once, and under no circumstances be renewed
- To maintain the ITC, an individual must continue to be enrolled in the alternative route preparation program



# ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO INTERIM TEACHER CERTIFICATION (ARC)

Source: [MDE](#)

To progress the ITC to a **Standard Teaching Certificate**, an individual must:

1. Have successfully completed the entire ARC program requirements, successfully completing all key assessments
2. Have taught successfully for three years, within the validity of their endorsement areas
3. Make application for certification within the Michigan Online Educator Certification System ([MOECS](#))
4. Be recommended by the ARC provider

# Local Heroes:

## MDE ARC Providers

Source: [MDE](#)

- #T.E.A.C.H.
- Davenport University
- Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD)
- On the Rise Academy
- Michigan Teachers of Tomorrow
- New Paradigm for Education
- Professional Innovators in Teaching
- **Schoolcraft College**
- University of Michigan – Flint
- University of Michigan - Michigan Alternate Route to Certification (M-ARC)



# Local Heroes:


## Teacher Shortage Initiatives & Resources

- [MI Future Educator Fellowships](#)
- [Grow Your Own](#)
- [MI Future Educator](#)
- [Talent Together](#)
- [The Rural Educator Credentialing Hub](#)
- [Golden Apple Scholars](#)

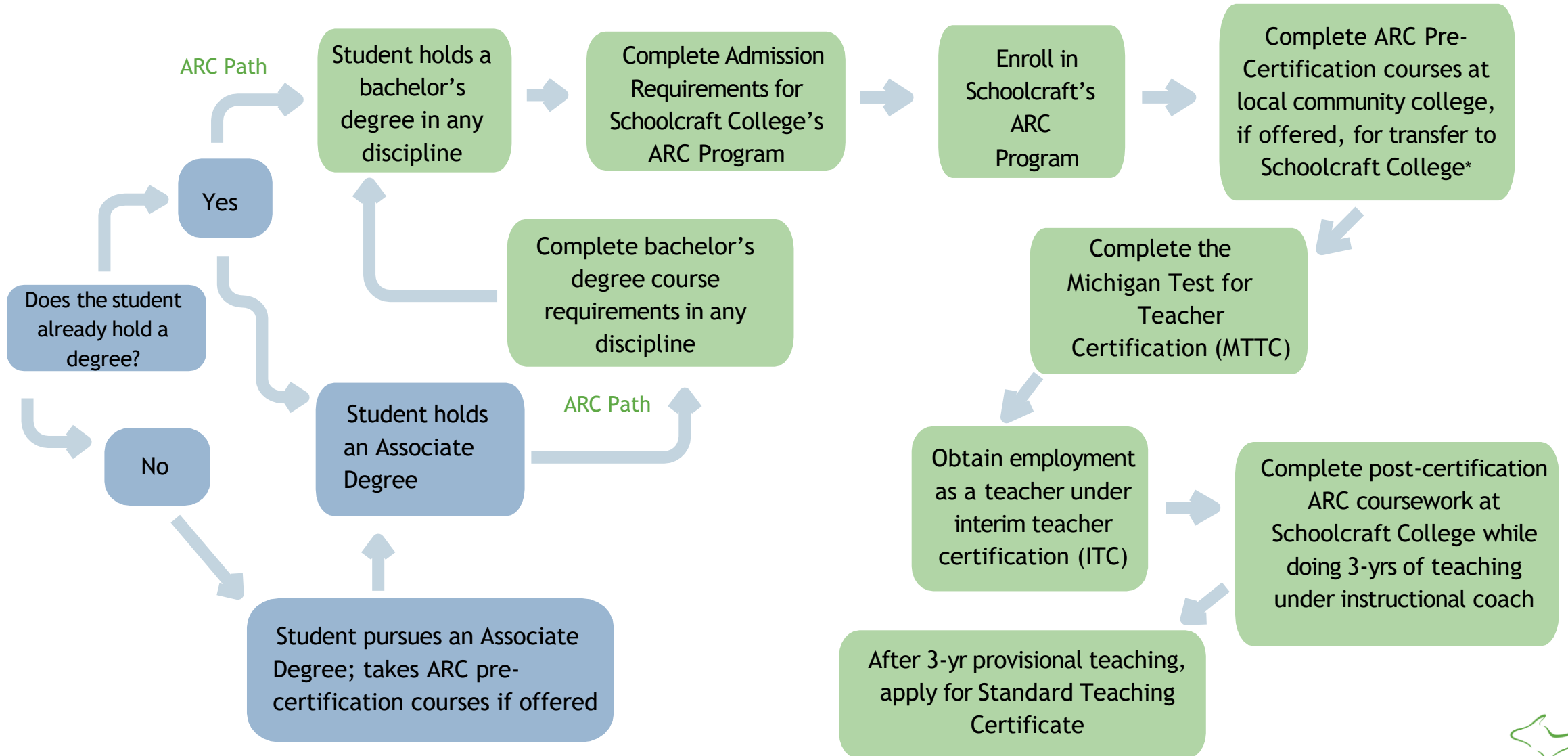


# SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE'S ARC PROGRAM

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# Program Options

## Education - Elementary and Secondary

[Go to information for Education - Elementary and Secondary.](#)

- [Education - Teacher Education Transfer AA, AS, AFA, AGS Degree](#)
- [Education - Elementary Education Alternative Route to Teacher Certification PK-3](#)
- [Education - Secondary Education Alternative Route to Teacher Certification](#)
- [Education - Elementary Education Alternative Route to Teacher Certification 3-6](#)
- [Education - Elementary Education Alternative Route to Teacher Certification PK-6](#)
- [Education - Elementary Education Alternative Route to Teacher Certification \(PK-3, 3-6, and PK-6\)](#)

[Program Application Information](#)

- [Education - Secondary Education Alternative Route to Teacher Certification Program Application Information](#)

# Admissions Process

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- Applicants must have a minimum of an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale).
  - Individuals with less than a 3.0 (2.99-2.80) GPA may contact the Education Office to have their transcripts evaluated.
  - Bachelor's degree can be in any content area.
- [Apply to Schoolcraft College](#)
- [Apply to the ARC Program](#)
  - ARC Program Application
  - Resume
  - Official Transcript
  - MTTC Content exam(s) \*or plan on when MTTC will be taken
  - Pass a criminal background check
- ARC Certification Officer will evaluate transcript to determine eligible courses for transfer
- Pass [MTTC in area\(s\) seeking endorsement.](#)
  - Probationary approval may be given without passing the MTTC Subject Area Test(s) for one academic year.
  - Interim Teaching Certification cannot be issued without passing MTTC.

# Course Requirements

## ARC Program Overview

### ALTERNATIVE ROUTE to INTERIM TEACHER CERTIFICATION Program (ARC)

**1. Application and Admission** Refer to program application deadlines.

**2. Intensive Pre-Certification Semester** Numbers in parentheses indicate credit hours.

#### Elementary Education PK-3

EDUC 212 Elementary Instructional Strategies in grades PK-3 (2)  
EDUC 235 Teaching Literacy and Numeracy in grades PK-3 (2)  
EDUC 292 Core Teaching Practices Practicum (3)

#### Elementary Education PK-6

EDUC 212 Elementary Instructional Strategies in grades Pk-3 (2)  
EDUC 215 Elementary Instructional Strategies in grades 3-6 (2)  
EDUC 235 Teaching Literacy and Numeracy in grades PK-3 (2)  
EDUC 238 Teaching Literacy and Numeracy in grades 3-6(2)  
EDUC 292 Core Teaching Practices Practicum (3)

#### Secondary Education and K-12

EDUC 220 Secondary Instructional Strategies (3)  
EDUC 250 Teaching Literacy in the Secondary Classroom 1 (3)  
EDUC 255 Eliciting Student Thinking in the Secondary Classroom (2)  
EDUC 292 Core Teaching Practices Practicum (3)

**3. Passage of MTTC**

**4. Recommendation for the Michigan Interim Teaching Certificate**



# Course Requirements (cont.)

## ARC Program Overview

### 5. Three Years of Successful Classroom Teaching and Learning

YEAR 1	Teaching	Classroom-Based Projects
		Instructional Coaching
		Peer Mentoring
	Learning	EDUC 245 Effective Instruction for Today's Classroom (2)
YEAR 2	Teaching	Classroom-Based Projects
		Instructional Coaching
		Peer Mentoring
	Learning	EDUC 261 Creating an Inclusive Classroom (2) EDUC 240 Teaching Literacy in the Elementary Classroom 2 (3) (Elementary Only)
YEAR 3	Teaching	Classroom-Based Projects
		Instructional Coaching
		Peer Mentoring
	Learning	EDUC 281 Impacting the School Community (2)

### 6. Program Completion: Recommendation for the Michigan Standard Teaching Certificate

# Tuition and Fees

## Tuition Rates (per credit hour)

- Resident: \$139 per hour
- Non-Resident: \$200 per hour

## Fees

- Registration Fee: \$44 per semester
- Service, Instructional Equipment, Infrastructure, and Learning Management Fees: \$41 total per credit hour

## ARC Program Fee

\$2,100 per year – Instructional Coaching and ARC Program Sponsorship for three years

## Estimated Total Costs

- Course Tuition and Fees: \$3,359
- ARC Program Fee: \$6,300
- Estimated Resident Total Cost: \$9,659
- Estimated Non-resident Total Cost: \$11,000

A Resident student is one whose legal residence is in the school district of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton or parts of Novi. All other students are Non-Residents.

# Workshop Series/Summer Retreat

- **Workshop #1** – February 24, 2pm, “Teacher Credentialing in Michigan”
- **Workshop #2** – March 24, 2pm, “Overview of the Alternative Route to Interim Teacher Certification (ARC)”
- **Workshop #3** – April 28, 2 pm, “ARC Pre-requisites & Course Outcomes”
- **Workshop #4** – May 19, 2pm, “Bachelor’s Degree Options”
- **Workshop #5** – June 23, 2pm, “Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC)”
- **Summer Retreat** – July 22, 10am-3pm, at Schoolcraft College
- **Workshop #6** – July 28, 2pm, “Communication & Recruitment”

# Resources

- [MCCA Local Heroes ARC – SUBSCRIBE!](#)
- [Michigan Department of Education](#)
- [Michigan Education Preparation Providers and Programs](#)
- [MDE Teacher Certification Code](#)
- [MI DOE Alternative Routes to Education](#)
- [Education Policy Innovation Collaborative](#)
- [Alternative Route Teacher Preparation \(ARC\) Providers](#)
- [Schoolcraft College’s ARC Program](#)
- [EPIC Policy Research](#)
- [Michigan Teacher Shortage-Bridge MI](#)

# Next Steps/Discussion

- Register for Future Workshops!
  - Workshop #3 – April 28, 2025, 2pm