

# Minneapolis Special Education Teacher Residency

A partnership between Minneapolis Public Schools and the University of St. Thomas



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### Program Goals

1. To create an accelerated pathway to teaching for our high-quality MPS employees
2. Diversify our teaching workforce so our students can see themselves in their teachers
3. Close the achievement gap with our students receiving special education services



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## Program Overview

- Earn Masters of Arts degree and your teaching license in Special Education--Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS)
- 15 month program starting June 2017 and ending August 2018
- Continue to work for MPS in Resident position.
  - Co-teach four days per week with a highly effective special education teacher.
  - Required to take a leave of absence from current position.
- Take graduate level coursework through the University of St. Thomas during the day as a cohort



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### Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS) License

- Work with students with mild to moderate needs across multiple disability areas from Kindergarten through age 21 in the areas of:
  - autism spectrum disorders (ASD)
  - developmental cognitive disability (DCD)
  - emotional/behavioral disorders (EBD)
  - other health disorders (OHD)
  - specific learning disabilities (SLD)
- Within 5 years, you will need to add one of the specific licenses above to maintain your ABS Minnesota teaching license




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### Program Schedule at a Glance

Summer 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Work in MPS Summer Session</li> <li>● Take Coursework</li> </ul>
August 2017- June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co-teach with a highly effective special education teacher four days a week</li> <li>● Take coursework one day a week</li> </ul>
Summer 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finish licensure and Master's degree coursework online</li> <li>● Option to work in MPS Summer Session</li> </ul>




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### Program Costs and Benefits

**COSTS**

- Tuition is \$695/credit, or a total of \$23,630
- Miscellaneous Fees (books, teacher licensure application, etc. ) ~\$1,000

**BENEFITS**

- Earn a \$30,000 stipend from MPS during residency and are eligible for district benefits
- Increase your earning potential. A first year special education teacher with a master's degree makes ~\$51,000.




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### Benefits of Teacher Residency Programs

- Earn your master's degree and teaching license faster (15 months vs. 2 years)
- Work directly with students while taking coursework you can immediately apply in the classroom
- Be a part of a dynamic partnership between a public school district and university
- Have access to additional support as a new teacher once you have finished the residency year




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### Benefits of Residency Program

- Continued employment with MPS as a Resident
- Reduced tuition cost from University of St. Thomas
- All coursework is designed to prepare Residents be successful Minneapolis Public Schools teachers
- Residents receive support around:
  - Passing Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams and completing requirements for Minnesota teaching license
  - Preparing resumes and interviewing for teaching positions
- Guaranteed a position with MPS after residency year




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### Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible to apply if you:

1. Are currently employed by MPS
2. Will have completed a bachelor's degree by May 2017
3. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher (A GPA below 2.75 will be considered holistically)
4. Are seeking your initial teaching license

We strongly encourage diverse and bilingual candidates to apply.




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## Application Process

1. Complete Inquiry Form Online
2. Complete Application in Success Factors
  - a. Current Resume
  - b. Personal Statement
3. Submit **official** transcripts
4. Have three references submit Reference Form on your behalf

Applications are due March 3, 2017




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## Application Timeline

January 4- March 3, 2017	Applications Open
March 9, 2017	Applicants are notified if invited to Interview Event
March 23, 2017	Interview Event
March 27, 2017	Finalists for program are notified
June 2017	Program begins!




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## Questions?

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