

**Summers County
Schools Program for
Alternative Certification
of Educators
ACE**

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What is ACE?

ACE is Summers County Schools’ Program for *Alternative Certification of Educators*. **ACE** is a non-traditional, or alternative route to teacher certification. **ACE** provides a program of study in the pedagogy of teaching, and in some cases, the content, for qualified individuals. Through a partnership with Marshall University, Summers County Schools offers this unique opportunity to career switchers and other college graduates who want to become professional educators. **ACE** participants assume the duties and responsibilities of a full-time teacher in a public school classroom in Summers County while completing the required coursework. Summers County currently has a need for certified teachers; **ACE** participants answer that need.

If you want to make a difference in the life of a child, we invite you to become a teacher through our ACE program.

Eligibility and Coursework

Eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ US Citizenship
- ◆ Good moral character
- ◆ Clear background check
- ◆ Bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education
- ◆ Cumulative/overall GPA of 2.5 in all coursework attempted
- ◆ Passing scores on the WVBE-required test of pre-professional basic skills
- ◆ Passing scores on the WVBE-required test of content knowledge which correlates with the candidate’s teaching path

Coursework requirements for general education participants and special education participants include, but may not be limited to the following:

- ◆ Classroom Management
- ◆ Human Growth and Development
- ◆ Educational Evaluation
- ◆ Curriculum & Instruction
- ◆ Literacy
- ◆ Children with Exceptionalities

Participants in the **Special Education** Teaching Path will also have training in IEPs and Planning, while those in the elementary pathway receive extra training in literacy.

Other advantages of becoming a teacher through our **ACE** program:

- ◆ A “learning by doing” approach to teaching
- ◆ Induction support for 1 to 3 years
- ◆ Job-embedded professional learning
- ◆ Low tuition and fees that are payroll deducted

The **ACE** program takes approximately one to two years to complete. Upon successful completion, participants receive an initial professional teaching certificate.

For complete program information, please check our website for the **ACE Guidance Document**:

<http://boe.summers.k12.wv.us/>



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