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**INVITATION FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION MAJOR IN TEACHING IN  
THE CHALLENGED AREAS (MAED-TCA) AT POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF  
THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) – COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) is pleased to announce the offering of a Master's degree in Education major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA) the first of its in the country and the world.

This innovative program aims to provide advanced training to help teachers cope with the demands of their profession and strengthen their motivation to teach in challenging contexts.

School heads and teaching employees of public and private elementary and secondary schools are invited to join and enrol in the said program on a voluntary basis.

Participation of public and private school shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

Attached is the letter of invitation and details of course offerings for reference.

For more information and other concerns please contact:

**PROF. MARION CRESENCIO, EdD**  
**Chairperson, MAED-TCA/Associate Dean, Graduate School**

For information.

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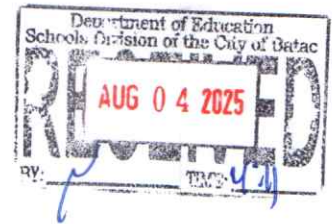
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**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Graduate Studies**



August 4, 2025

**DR. TOLENTINO G. AQUINO**

Regional Director  
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**Dear Dr. Aquino:**

Greetings of Peace and Prosperity!

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The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has already approved this program. The development of this new Master's program is one of the significant outcomes of Project Forth, or the Formation of Teachers in Emerging Challenged Areas in the Philippines, a capacity-building initiative co-funded by the Erasmus+ of the European Union Commission.

"Challenged Areas" encompass various aspects that learners may experience, including economic, legal, technological, social, cultural, political, and environmental factors. The MAED-TCA program is designed for passionate professionals committed to providing quality education to underserved communities. This program will enable educators to enhance their expertise, uplift learners, and make meaningful contributions to the future of education.

Moreover, may we humbly request assistance from your good office to help us promote this program by cordially inviting teachers in your division to consider joining and enrolling in the Master of Arts in Education major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA) program. This is a valuable opportunity for your dedicated educators to advance their academic and professional journeys with PUP.

We are also happy to let you know that admission for the MAED-TCA program at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) College of Education for the First Semester of AY 2025-2026 is officially OPEN this August 2025. Classes for the First Semester of the academic year 2025-2026 are scheduled to commence in September 2025. To accommodate diverse learning needs, the program considers both online and hybrid modes of teaching and learning. We encourage your DepEd teachers to seize this chance to elevate their impact in education and make a lasting difference by serving those who need it most, because excellence in education changes lives.

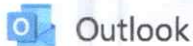
We'd be delighted to present the program to you and your teachers in person. Please feel free to reach out to us at 09457294287 or email us at [macresencio@pup.edu.ph](mailto:macresencio@pup.edu.ph) if you have any further questions. Thank you very much. We sincerely appreciate your anticipated support in promoting this significant program to your esteemed teachers. May you always be blessed.

Respectfully yours,

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**Fw: Invitation for Master of Arts in Education major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA) at Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Manila**

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