Teacher Preparation Programs at UD

Teaching is a rewarding profession where you can make a difference in the lives of children, youth, families, and communities. The high quality teacher preparation programs at the University of Delaware prepare candidates to become effective teachers in diverse settings. Candidates who want to become certified teachers need to either graduate from an approved teacher education degree program at the bachelor’s or master’s level or become certified in Delaware through an alternative routes pathway.

Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs

The following bachelor’s degree programs enable candidates to become eligible for teacher certification in Delaware and other states. These programs would be appropriate for candidates who have not earned a bachelor’s degree.

- Early Childhood Education (with additional certification in early childhood special education)
- Elementary Teacher Education (with additional certification in either English as a second language, special education, or a middle school content area)
- English Education
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Foreign Languages Education (French, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish)
- Mathematics Education
- Music Education
- Science Education (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics)
- Social Studies Education (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology)

Graduate Teacher Preparation Programs

The following master’s degree programs also enable candidates to become eligible for teacher certification in Delaware and other states. These programs would be appropriate for candidates who already earned a bachelor’s degree.

- Agriculture Education
- Exceptional Children and Youth
- Foreign Languages and Pedagogy
- History Education
- Teaching English as a Second Language

Alternative Routes to Certification

Alternative Routes to Certification (ARTC) is for individuals with bachelor’s degrees in high-needs fields who are interested in entering the teaching profession. ARTC allows qualified individuals to earn teacher certification in Delaware while teaching full-time. They complete a state-approved set of professional education courses and assessments while teaching in their own classrooms and receiving mentoring from University of Delaware staff.

More Information

If you are interested in learning more about the UD teacher preparation programs, please visit www.dcte.udel.edu/programs/becoming-a-teacher. This webpage includes links to each of the programs where you can learn about the program requirements and contact information for the program coordinators.

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