

Early Childhood Education Major

Teacher Certification



The information in this document is accurate as of September 2014. Certification and testing requirements in the various states are subject to change. Candidates should verify this information by visiting the Department of Education in each state. A link to all of the state departments of education can be found at <http://www.teachered.udel.edu/certification/state-requirements-2/>

Early Childhood Education Majors

UD testing requirements

To receive the University's recommendation for certification, Early Childhood Education majors are required to take and achieve a passing scores on the Praxis II, Education of Young Children (5024)* and Special Education: Core Knowledge and Application (0354/5354). In addition, to meet the federal government's "highly qualified" status in the State of Delaware, Early Childhood Education majors will also need to take an additional test.

To be considered highly qualified in DE you will need to take the Praxis II test required for Elementary Education. The State of Delaware has approved a new Praxis II test for elementary teacher certification, **5001 Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects**, effective as of September 1, 2014.

At the time of registration, you must designate where you want your test scores sent. You get 3 free copies. **You must designate the University of Delaware (5811) as one of your score recipients.** In addition to UD, you should designate the State of Delaware and one other state where you may want to teach as score recipients. While UD candidates are required to take and pass the State of Delaware tests to receive the University's recommendation for certification, additional tests may be required for states other than Delaware.

To register, go to www.ets.org/praxis .

- **Online scores will be available to candidates for one (1) year, via their online account**

*Praxis II, Education of Young Children 5021 is acceptable if taken prior to Sept. 1, 2014.

Computer Based Testing Center

The University of Delaware provides a site for the University community as well as the general public to take high-level standardized tests offered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Location

The Computer Based Testing Center (CBTC) is located in **Room 218 Alison Hall**

CBTC Hours

- For current hours - <http://www.udel.edu/registrar/ud-facts-resources/cbtc.html>

Registering for Tests

- Register online at www.ets.org/praxis

Testing Guidelines

- Be sure to have proper identification when you arrive for your test. ID requirements vary by test, so please check with the appropriate test to determine what is needed for your test. You will not be admitted without it.
- No items are to be brought into the testing facility with you (scratch paper and pencils are provided). Lockers are available in the CBTC lobby for you to store any personal items, if necessary.

Additional Resources

For additional information, contact the CBCT at 302-831-6717, or the CBTC coordinator, Mary Ruth Pierce at mpierce@udel.edu.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Upon graduation will I be eligible to teach in states other than DE?

Yes, The University of Delaware's teacher education programs have received national recognition by national specialty organizations, such as **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**, **Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)**, and **Council for Exceptional Children**, and have achieved "state approved program" status by the State of Delaware. Through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) states who are party to the NASDTEC Interstate Reciprocity Contract agree to the following:

An applicant for certification shall be entitled to certification based on completion of an approved program if the following requirements are met:

Completion of an approved program in a comparable or broader discipline,

Compliance with any requirements of the receiving Member relating to citizenship and moral, ethical, physical or mental fitness,

Compliance with any recent requirement of the receiving Member,

Compliance with any ancillary requirements of the receiving Member (e.g., overall cumulative index and testing requirements), and

Completion of any post-baccalaureate study required by the receiving member.

A complete listing of the states that are party to the NASDTEC Interstate Reciprocity Contract can be found at <http://www.docstoc.com/docs/23206485/NASDTEC-Interstate-Contract>

How do I become certified to teach?

Upon completion of one of the University of Delaware's "state approved" teacher education programs, the University will recommend you for teacher certification. This recommendation, Institutional Recommendation, will be noted on your official transcript upon program completion.

You need to apply for teacher certification through the individual states' Department of Education. A directory of all of the states' certification offices is located on UD's teacher education web site at <http://www.teachered.udel.edu/certification/>. Although you will not be able to complete the application process until you have completed your program of study, you should learn about the application process early in your senior year so that you will know what steps you will need to complete before submitting your application, i.e., criminal background check, testing requirements, and/or physical examination. Information about the certification process can be obtained online by clicking on the name of the state.

Do I need to take tests to become a certified teacher?

Yes! Most states require initial applicants for teacher certification to pass required tests. However, the tests required and the passing scores vary from state to state. Some states require tests that have been developed specifically within that state, e.g., New York. However, many states require tests that are part of the Praxis Series developed and administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). A complete listing of test requirements by states can be found on UD's teacher education web site at <http://www.teachered.udel.edu/certification/>. There is a link (click on the testing requirement listed for a particular state) to each state's testing requirement, which will give you specific information about the required tests and passing scores.

Where can I go for help?

If you have additional questions about teacher certification, you should call 831-3000 or email bvandorn@udel.edu

Certification

Applying for Certification in Delaware

To apply online for certification in DE go to <https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/default.aspx>. You should answer the questions as though you have already completed student teaching and the degree has been conferred. If you are graduating at the end of the fall semester, enter January 2015; and if you are graduating at the end of the spring semester, enter May 2015 as date of completion of your degree.

Hopefully when you took the Praxis tests you designated the DE Department of Education as a score recipient. Upon submission of your online application, you will be able to go into DEEDS and find whether or not DE DOE has received your Praxis scores. If they do not have your scores, but UD has them in UDSIS, contact Barbara VanDornick at bvandorn@udel.edu. If they do not have your scores and if they are not in UDSIS, you will need to contact ETS to request a copy be sent to DE DOE **using reporting code R7065**.

Upon completion of your degree, you need to request an official copy of your transcript be sent to the DE DOE. Please go to <http://www.udel.edu/registrar/transcripts/> **to review all of the instructions** and to order your official transcript. When completing your application for certification, you must submit an official transcript showing that your degree was conferred. Send your transcript to the following address:

Delaware Department of Education
Certification Office
Collette Education Resource Center
35 Commerce Way, Suite 1
Dover, DE 19904

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Applying for Certification in PA

You must apply online for certification in PA through TIMS

Be sure to apply as an out-of-state prepared applicant

(Question – Will a PDE approved teacher education or other certification program in PA verify that you meet requirements for the certification for which you are applying? Answer is NO!!!!)

Teacher Information Management System (TIMS)

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/tims_-_teacher_information_management_system/20476

However, the following papers must be mailed in to complete the application.

- Official final transcripts with confirmation of degree in a sealed envelope. You request official transcripts online at <http://www.udel.edu/registrar/transcripts/>.
- Verification of Program Completion. Contact Barbara VanDornick bvandorn@udel.edu.

PA Certificates

Grades PK-4

Special Education (PK-8)

Tests required for these certificates

- After April 2, 2012, PA is requiring the Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment tests by Pearson (http://www.pa.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html) or Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (www.ets.org/praxis).

AND

- PK-4 and Special Education PK-8
 - PECT test(s) for the certificate www.pa.nesinc.com

Additional Certification Requirements

Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements: 3.0 overall cumulative

If you have a GPA of 2.8 and have a high score on the Praxis II test you can qualify without the 3.0. Click on the website below and that click on [Certification Testing and Scores](#). The chart will give you the test score/s that you need to achieve if you are below a 3.0.

Applying for Certification in New Jersey

To apply online for certification in New Jersey go to

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/license/> .

What types of certificates are available?

- **CEAS (Traditional Route)** - The Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) is a credential issued to an individual who HAS completed a teacher preparation program and has met the basic requirements for certification including academic study and applicable test requirements. The CEAS authorizes an individual to seek and accept employment in NJ public schools requiring certification. The CEAS is issued to an individual who does NOT hold a NJ Standard certificate or has NOT completed one year of full-time teaching under a valid out-of-state instructional certificate.

Required Praxis II test –

To Be Certified in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Preschool–Grade 3	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge (PDF) (Computer)	5022	159

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE DATED AS COMPLETE AND SENT TO AN EXAMINER FOR REVIEW UNTIL ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED.

Submit payment online by credit card only.

Applicant Checklist

After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please submit the following documents: either US citizen [Oath of Allegiance](#) (or [Non-US Citizen Oath of Allegiance](#) and [Non-Citizen Affidavit of Intent to Become a Citizen](#)) , official sealed transcripts, copy of your test scores, and a verification of program completion form (Contact Barbara VanDornick at bvandorn@udel.edu for verification of program completion form.).

After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Our mailing address is:

**NJ Department of Education
Office of Licensure & Credentials
P.O. Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500**

Please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents.

Steps to Teacher Certification in New York

Take and pass the Praxis II tests required by the University of Delaware and the State of Delaware. Information on these testing requirements can be found at <http://www.teachered.udel.edu/students/>. Designate the University of Delaware and the State of Delaware as score recipients.

Pathway: Completion of a College Teacher Education Program in another U.S. State

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[Completion of a Comparable Approved Program in Another Jurisdiction - Early Childhood Education \(Birth-Grade 2\)](#)
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| New York State |
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[New York State Teacher Certification Exam - Academic Literacy Skills Test \(ALST\)](#)
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[New York State Teacher Certification Exam - Educating All Students Test \(EAS\)](#)
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| Content Specialty |
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[Content Specialty Test \(CST\) - Multi-Subject](#)
- [Content Specialty Test \(CST\) - Students With Disabilities](#)
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[edTPA - Early Childhood](#)

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[Workshop - Child Abuse Identification](#)
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[Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention](#)
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[Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act](#)
- [Workshop - Autism](#)

Complete the fingerprinting process required by the State of New York

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/home.html>

Apply for certification in the State of New York.

You must apply through the completion of an approved teacher education program in another state. You apply for early childhood, birth to grade 2, and students with disabilities, birth to grade 2.

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certicate/>

Upon completion of your degree submit copies of your official transcripts to the New York Department of Education.

You can request copies of your official transcript online at <http://www.udel.edu/registrar/transcripts/>

Certification in Maryland

Profile 2

(Out-of State Approved Program graduate; no teaching experience; no out-of-state certificate)

Step 1.

Complete an out-of-state approved educator preparation program outlined by the college/university you have attended.

Step 2.

In addition to completing an out-of-state approved program, [you must meet Maryland's qualifying scores on all required teacher certification tests.](#)

Step 3.

To request your initial Maryland certificate by mail, submit the following:

- Official transcript(s) in an unopened mailer for all course work taken (community college, baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, if applicable). Your transcript must show the degree and date of conferral. Student copies in an unopened mailer are also acceptable.(Do not have your college/university send transcripts directly to this office.);
- Qualifying scores for the required certification tests, [Basic Skills](#) and [Praxis II](#) content (if applicable) or [ACTFL](#) content assessments. You may send scores to MSDE on one of the following ways: notation on a college transcript, photocopy of the original score report, or official verification from a state department of education.; and
- A cover letter with your name, complete mailing address, date of birth, social security number, personal email address, and the area of certification you are seeking. Day time telephone number is encouraged.

Send your complete packet to the following address:

Maryland State Department of Education
Certification Branch
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Step 4.

We will determine your eligibility for certification and notify you in writing.

Contact Information

Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone:(410) 767-0412 or toll free 1-(866) 772-8922
TTY/TDD:(410_ 333-6442

Profile 3

(Valid certificate from another state; completion of an out-of-state approved program; met issuing state's qualifying scores to receive certificate)

Step 1.

You must hold a valid (current) professional certificate from another state, completed an out-of-state approved program, and have met the issuing state's qualifying scores required for the professional certificate.

Step 2.

To request your initial Maryland certificate by mail, submit the following:

- Official transcript(s) in an unopened mailer for all course work taken (community college, baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, if applicable). Your transcript must show the degree and date of conferral. Student copies in an unopened mailer are also acceptable.
- A photocopy of your valid out-of-state professional certificate;
- Verification of test scores for the required teacher certification tests for your out-of-state professional certificate. (A photocopy of the test scores or an official verification from a state department of education will be accepted.); and
- A cover letter with your name, complete mailing address, social security number, and the area of certification you are seeking. Day time telephone number and personal e-mail address are encouraged.

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The state of Maryland will waive the testing requirements for certification for graduates of a state approved teacher education program that have a current license and certificate from another state, e.g., Delaware.

However, in addition to becoming certified you also need to be considered highly qualified. For elementary and early childhood majors, Maryland requires a pedagogy test to meet their highly qualified definition. The required tests in MD are Praxis II 5622: Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (the pedagogy test for elementary education) and Praxis II 5621: Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood (the pedagogy for Early Childhood Education).

Contact Barbara VanDornick bvandorn@udel.edu if you have any questions.

Certification in Virginia

Information about the teacher certification process can be found at

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/index.shtml> .

Testing Requirements for Certification

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf

Introduction

Applicants requesting an initial teaching license are required to achieve passing scores on professional teacher's assessments prescribed by the Board of Education **unless** exempted based on three years of full-time successful teaching experience in a public or accredited nonpublic school in a state other than Virginia and a valid out-of-state license (full credential with no deficiencies).

- **ACADEMIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT**
Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment-VCLA Register on line for this test at www.va.nesinc.com
- **Praxis Series Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Elementary and Special Education (0306 paper or 5306 computer-based)** is required for elementary education, early primary education, and special education. Register on line for this test at www.ets.org/praxis .
- **Praxis II - Content Tests** (See Testing Requirement for Certification link cited above).