

# Early Childhood Education – Certification Info Booklet

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## **UD Institutional Recommendation**

### **Overview**

<http://www.teachered.udel.edu/certification/institutional-recommendation/>

Candidates in a teacher preparation program must complete particular requirements in order to receive institutional recommendation for certification. This institutional recommendation is noted on candidates' transcripts and is needed to apply for teacher certification in Delaware and other states.

***Please Note: Institutional recommendation is not certification***

Only state departments of education can issue an educator license and certificate(s). The University of Delaware communicates to state departments of education that candidates have completed their teacher preparation program and University requirements by writing "Institutional Recommendation for Certification" on the transcript. This transcript note informs state departments of education that candidates have completed a state-approved program and interstate reciprocity agreement can take effect.

**Early Childhood Education majors must pass the following to receive Institutional Recommendation:**

<b>Praxis Subject Assessment (Test)</b>	Education of Young Children (5024)	160
<b>Praxis Subject Assessment (Test)</b>	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Application (5354)	151
<b>PPAT or edTPA (Teaching portfolio assessment)</b>	PPAT  (edTPA) Early Childhood	(PPAT) 38  (edTPA) 38

## **Registering for Praxis and Performance Assessments**

### **Registering for Praxis Subject Assessments:**

At the time of registration, you must designate where you want your test scores sent. You get 4 free copies. You must designate the University of Delaware (5811) as one of your score recipients. In addition to UD, you should designate the Delaware Department of Education and other state departments of education, which require these tests and in which you are interested in seeking certification. While UD candidates are required to pass the tests required by the state of Delaware to receive the University's institutional recommendation for certification, additional tests may be required in states other than Delaware.

Go to [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) to register for these tests.

Score reports are available via your online account. You will receive an email when your score report has been posted. Scores will be accessible via your account for one year from the posting date. We recommend you save a copy of your report for your files.

### **General Information About Performance Assessments**

UD Performance Assessment Information

<http://www.teachered.udel.edu/performance-assessment/>

PPAT Overview

<https://www.ets.org/ppa/test-takers/teachers/about>

edTPA Overview

[http://www.edtpa.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\\_GettingStarted.html](http://www.edtpa.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_GettingStarted.html)

### **Registering for Performance Assessments (edTPA or PPAT)**

Register for PPAT

<https://www.ets.org/ppa/test-takers/teachers/register>

Register for edTPA

<http://www.edtpa.com/Content/Docs/edTPARegistrationOverview.pdf>

# 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

Monday: 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday: 8 am - 4 pm

Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: 7 am - 12 noon (only on Fridays when testing is being administered; Please call ahead.)

## Registering for Tests

- Register online at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://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 (food and drink, etc.), if necessary.

## Additional Resources

For additional information, contact the CBTC at 302-831-6717, or the CBTC coordinator, Mary Ruth Pierce at [mpierce@udel.edu](mailto:mpierce@udel.edu).

## **Teacher Certification: 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. The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Reciprocity Agreement facilitates the movement of educators among the states and other jurisdictions that are members of NASDTEC and have signed the Agreement. Although there may be conditions applicable to individual jurisdictions, the Agreement makes it possible for an educator who completed an approved program and/or who holds a certificate or license in one jurisdiction to earn a certificate or license in another state or jurisdiction. It is not necessarily "full" reciprocity. The educator may have to complete additional requirements, such as additional testing and GPA requirements, before receiving a certificate in the new state. Additional information concerning the NASDTEC interstate agreement can be found at <http://www.nasdtec.net/?page=Interstate> .

### **▲ 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' departments of education. A directory of all of the states' departments of education 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. 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). To find out what tests are required, go to the [Department of Education](#) in each state.

### **▲ Where can I go for help?**

If you have additional questions about teacher certification, you should call 831-3000 or email [DCTE-cert@udel.edu](mailto:DCTE-cert@udel.edu)

## *Applying for Certification in Delaware*

To apply online for certification in DE go to <https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/> .

Hopefully when you took the Praxis tests you designated the Delaware 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 Delaware Department of Education has received your Praxis scores. If they do not have your scores, but UD has them in UDSIS, contact [DCTE-cert@udel.edu](mailto:DCTE-cert@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 Delaware Department of Education using reporting code R7065.

Upon completion of your degree, you need to request an official copy of your transcript be sent to the Delaware Department of Education. 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

**PLEASE NOTE\*\*** In the state of Delaware, candidates who wish to gain Elementary Teacher certification, in addition to Early Childhood Teacher Certification and Early Childhood Special Education certification may take the following test and achieve the following scores in order to apply for Elementary Teacher certification.

### **Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001)**

<u>Subtests</u>	<u>DE Passing Score</u>
Mathematics (5003)	157
Reading (5002)	157
Science (5005)	159
Social Studies (5004)	155

## *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.

<https://www.nj.gov/education/license/tcis/checklist.pdf> Please read the information for [out-of-state prepared candidates](#).

To complete the application, the following documents must be submitted.

- Official transcripts with confirmation of degree in a sealed envelope. You request official transcripts online at <http://www.udel.edu/registrar/transcripts/>. You should request the transcript be sent to you in a sealed envelope.
- Verification of Program Completion (PDE338). Contact [DCTE-cert@udel.edu](mailto:DCTE-cert@udel.edu) .
- If you have additional questions, contact [DCTE-cert@udel.edu](mailto:DCTE-cert@udel.edu) .

### Certificates

Grades PK-4

Special Education (PK-8)

It is important to review and, if necessary, take the additional [tests required for PA](#) certification early in your senior year.

## *Steps to Teacher Certification in New York*

Go to [Pathway: Completion of a College Teacher Education Program in another U.S. State](#)

- Search Certification Requirements

### **Classroom Teacher/Initial Certification**

- Early Childhood Education (Birth to Grade 2)
- Students with Disabilities (Birth to Grade 2)

### **Requirements for Certification**

- Completion of a comparable approved program in another state
- Education – Bachelor’s Degree
- Minimum 2.50 Undergraduate GPA
- New York Testing Requirements
  - edTPA - You only need to submit one – either the Early Childhood or the Special Education.
  - Educating All Students (EAS) test
  - Content Specialty Tests (CST) – Multiple Subjects of Early Childhood (Birth to Grade 2)
  - Student with Disabilities

To register, go to [www.nystce.nesinc.com](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com)

- Workshops
  - [Workshop - Child Abuse Identification](#)
  - [Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention](#)
  - [Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act](#)
  - [Workshop - Autism \(required for Special Education certification\)](#)
  - Fingerprinting – <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tsei/ospra/>

[Apply for certification](#) in New York.

Upon completion of your degree, submit 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 New Jersey*

### Contact Information

NJ Department of Education, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500  
Phone: 1-877-900-6960

<http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/>

[Apply for certification](#) in New Jersey

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.

Reciprocity: <https://www.nj.gov/education/license/out/>

### APPLICANT CHECKLIST

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

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.

- 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 transcript, a copy of test scores**, and a **verification of program completion form** (Contact [DCTE-cert@udel.edu](mailto:DCTE-cert@udel.edu) for verification of program completion form.).
- As of September 2015, NJ requires the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators in Reading, Writing and Math. They will accept the Praxis I tests if taken prior to September 1, 2015.
- Take all applicable Praxis II: Subject Assessment/Specialty Area test(s). See [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for tests required in NJ.
- Effective for candidates who start teaching in or after the 2017-2018 school year: Demonstrate passage of a state-approved performance assessment **OR** pass approved New Jersey performance assessment (at a later date, the Department will issue additional guidance regarding this rule)

After applying online, submit all necessary documentation together in a single packet to the following address:

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



# *Certification in Maryland*

The state of Maryland may 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.

Two options are outlined in this document.

However, in addition to becoming certified you may also need to be gain additional certification (formerly known as being “highly qualified.”) For elementary and early childhood majors this could mean, taking a pedagogy test to meet their highly qualified definition. The 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). Please contact the MD Dept. of Education for more information. (Reference link:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/index.aspx>

## Main Website

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/index.aspx>

## Certification Fee Information

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/CertFees.aspx>

## Contact Information

Maryland State Department of Education  
200 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
Phone: 410-767-0100  
Toll Free: 1-888-246- 0016  
info.msde@maryland.gov

## *MD Option 1 (Profile 2)*

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

Information available at:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/apply/Out-of-State.aspx>

### Step 1

If you have not already done so, create a [portal account](#)

### Step 2

If you have graduated from an out of state educator preparation program and do not have teaching experience or an out of state certificate, please submit the following:

- Official transcript(s), which must show the degree and date of conferral. Student copies in an unopened mailer are also acceptable.
- [Basic Skills](#) tests scores
- [Content and Pedagogy](#) test scores (if applicable)
- An [initial application](#) for certification

- A cover letter with your name, mailing address, last 4 digits of your social security number, date of birth, personal email address, and the area of certification you are seeking.

### Step 3

Mail your complete packet to the following address:

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

OR

Document may be sent electronically to [certdocuments.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:certdocuments.msde@maryland.gov)

Transcripts must come to this address directly from the Institute of Higher Education or an e-transcript service. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

### Step 4

The Certification Branch will determine your eligibility and notify you via email

## ***MD Option 2 (Profile 3)***

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

Information available at:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/apply/Out-of-State-Certificate.aspx>

### Step 1

If you have not already done so, create a [portal account](#)

### Step 2

If you hold an active professional certificate from another state, have completed an educator preparation program and met the issuing state's qualifying test scores to receive certification, please submit the following:

- Official transcript(s), which must show the degree and date of conferral, if applicable. Student copies in an unopened mailer are also acceptable.
- A photocopy of your active 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.)
- An **initial application** for certification
- A cover letter with your name, mailing address, last 4 digits of your social security number, date of birth, personal email address, and the area of certification you are seeking.

### Step 3

Mail your complete packet to the following address:

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

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Document may be sent electronically to [certdocuments.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:certdocuments.msde@maryland.gov)

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Step 4

The Certification Branch will determine your eligibility and notify you via email

## **Certification in Virginia**

Virginia Department of Education  
Division of Teacher Education and Licensure  
P.O. Box 2120  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Information about licensure in Virginia can be found at  
<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/index.shtml>.

Information for applicants completing an out-of-state program can be found at  
[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/info\\_out-of-state\\_online\\_programs.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/info_out-of-state_online_programs.pdf)