

PATHWAYS TO A DEGREE IN EDUCATION

Within the Laurel School District



The Laurel School District

People

Fostering leadership, inspiring ownership, and facilitating professional growth in our **people**.



Practices

Establishing a creative and bold culture of implementing best **practices**.



Performance

Continually setting and reflecting on goals that will make us a model of student growth and **performance** in Delaware.



Rigor

Providing challenging, standards-based instruction and needed supports so that all students can meet high expectations and experience academic **rigor**.



Revelance

Fostering creativity and divergent thinking through authentic learning designed to give purpose and **relevance** to each student's experience.

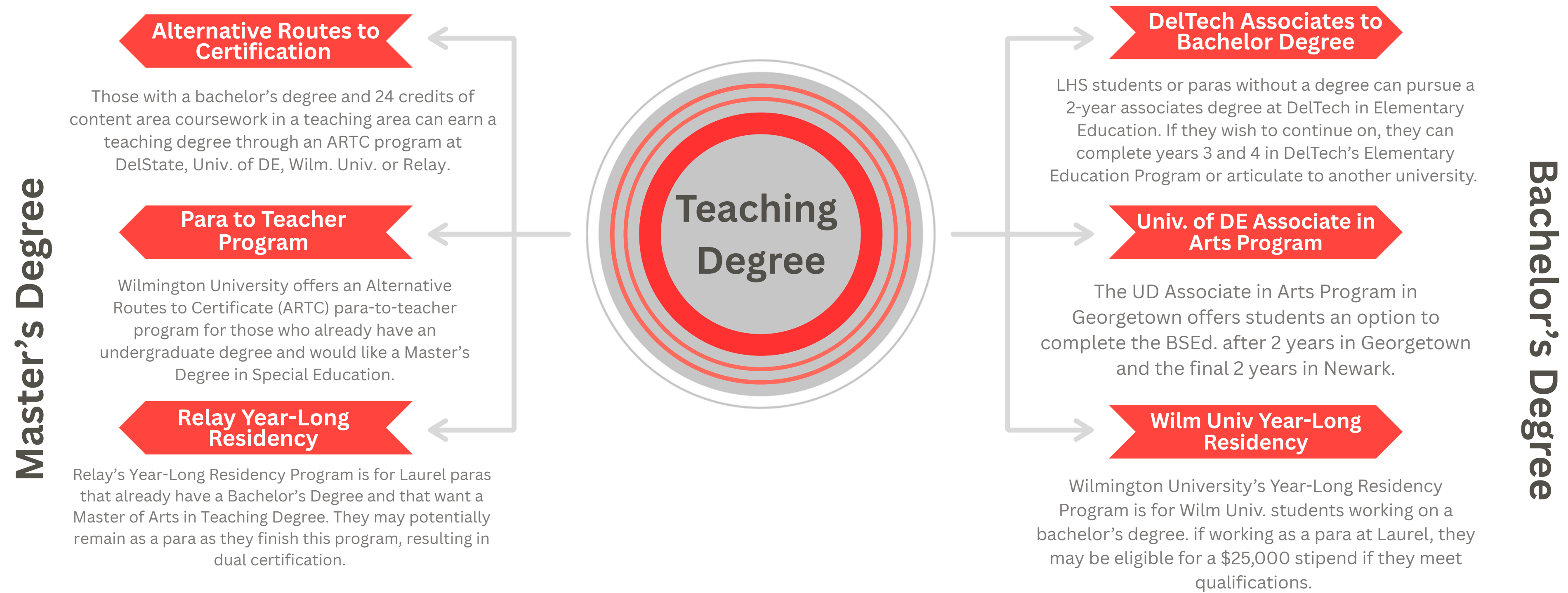


Relationships

Building a strong community of students, teachers, and administrators focused on trust and **relationships** that will foster a lifelong love of teaching and learning.



Academic Options Toward a Degree in Education



Potential Options Toward a Bachelor's Degree in Education

Bachelor's Degree

DelTech Associates to Bachelor Degree

LHS students or paras without a degree can pursue a 2-year associates degree at DelTech in Early Childhood Development, Birth to 2nd Grade, Elementary Education, Paraeducator, or Secondary Science. If they wish to continue on, they must have a 2.8 GPA with an associates degree and they can articulate for years 3 and 4 at another university or continue with DelTech's 4-year Elementary Education Program. Check out SEED (Student Excellence Equals Degree) Scholarship Program; a tuition free program for Delawareans who would like to pursue an academic degree.

DelTech Year-Long Residency

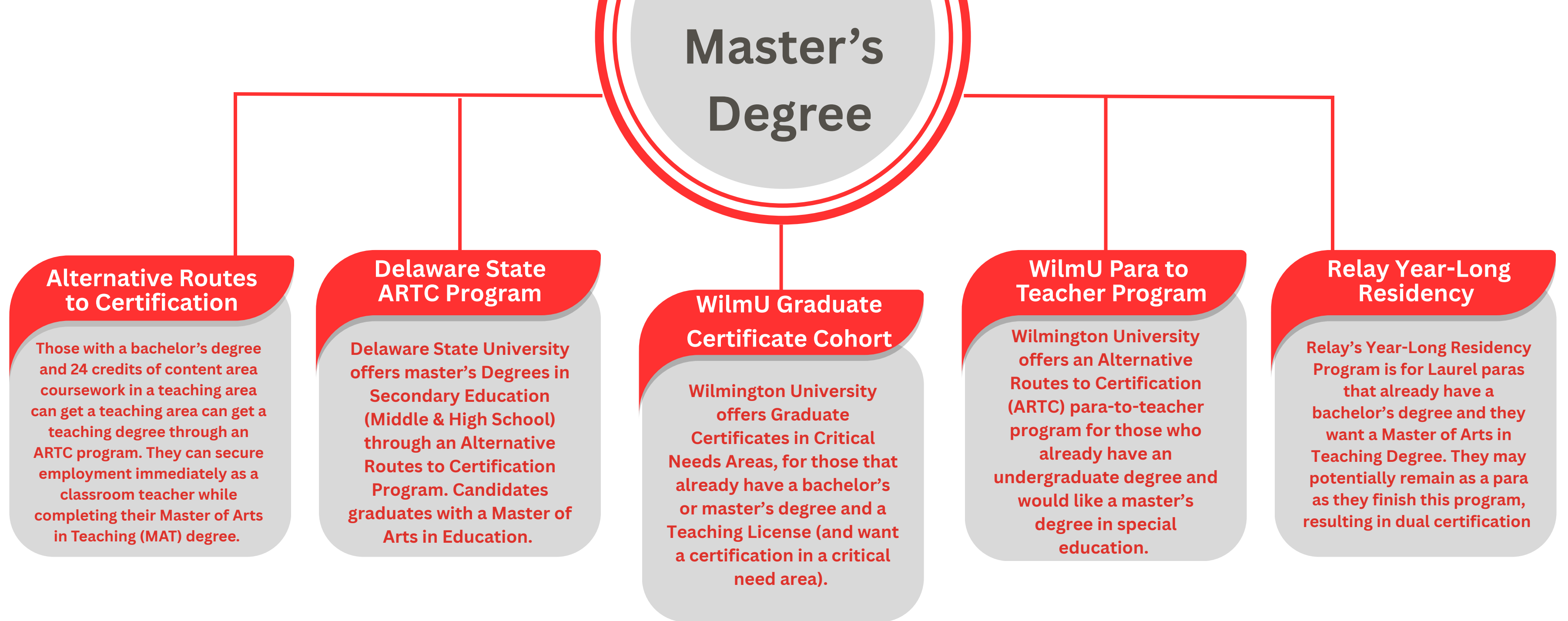
Delaware Technical Community College offers a 4-year bachelor's degree. The final year is spent in a year-long residency at Laurel. Staff may remain as a para if placement is arranged well in advance.

Wilm University Year-Long Residency

Wilmington University's Year-Long Residency Program is for WilmU students working on a Bachelor's or Master's degree. Students in the Year-Long Residency Program also receive a 50% reduction in tuition for all courses during the residency year.

Delaware State University

Delaware State University offers a 4-year, full tuition Inspire Scholarship available to qualifying Delaware high school graduates who enroll at Delaware State University in the fall semester right after high school graduation. There are 8 different majors in Education.



Potential Options Toward a Master's Degree in Education

Contact Information for Each Program

DelTech Associates to Bachelor Degree

Contact:

Robert Kime
rkime@dtcc.edu

Website:

<https://www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study/elementary-education/>

Delaware State University

Contact:

Darren Rainey
drainey@desu.edu

Website:

<https://chess.desu.edu/departments/education>

WilmU Year-Long Residency

Contact:

Stacie Zdrojewski
stacie.a.zdrojewski@wilmu.edu

Website:

<https://www.wilmu.edu/education/indexe.aspx>

Alternative Routes to Certification

Contact:

State of Delaware DoE Site

WilmU ARTC Contact:

Stacie Zdrojewski
stacie.a.zdrojewski@wilmu.edu

Website:

<https://education.delaware.gov/>

Para to Teacher Program

Contact:

Tyler Wells
tyler.a.wells@wilmu.edu

Relay Year-Long Residency

Contact:

Dana Davidson
ddavidson@relay.edu

Website:

<https://www.relay.edu/location/delaware>

Laurel Contact:

Andrea Yoder, Director of Human Resources
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Early Childhood Information

Applying for a Qualification Certificate Using DEEDS

<https://ecic.desu.edu/bachelor-degree-programs/>

Step 1: *Login or create EdAccess account. Must have a profile to access DEEDS.*

Login: EdAccess (through classlink.com)

Create: Click Account Request (doe.k12.de.us)

Step 2: *Enter EdAccess, click DEEDS 3.0, select Educator Dashboard*

Choose Apply for Early Learning Centers, choose Early Learning Certificate to apply for DEEDS qualifications certificate

- Select Specialty Training to have this information added to your DEEDS qualifications certificate.
- Finally, choose the type of certificate you wish to apply for.

Step 3: *Enter the required information into DEEDS.*

- **Identity:** enter full social security number, date of birth, and personal email address
- **Verification of Age:** upload (PDF) a clear image of your driver's license, passport, birth certificate, etc.
- **Work Experience:** Upload (PDF) a signed/dated Vertification of Child Care Experience form (an intern does not require)
- **Education:**
 - **For all Positions Except Intern:** Send an official high school transcript to deedsearlylearning@doe.k12.de.us
 - **Positions Requiring College or University Credits:** Send an official college/university transcript showing credits earned
 - official sealed transcript to be mailed to:
 - Delaware Department of Education, Attn: DEEDS Early Learning, 401 Federal Street, Dover DE 19901 or sent via email
 - **For Positions Requiring Quality-Assured Training:** Upload (PDF) training certificates, clock hours, TECE 1 or 2 certificates, etc.
 - international Education Diplomas/ Transcripts will need to be evaluated by an independent credential evaluation agency.

Step 4: *Submit Application to be reviewed by DEEDS Early Learning Staff. Print Certificate.*

Key Notes:

Returning Users: Only apply for a certificate above your current position - update information as needed

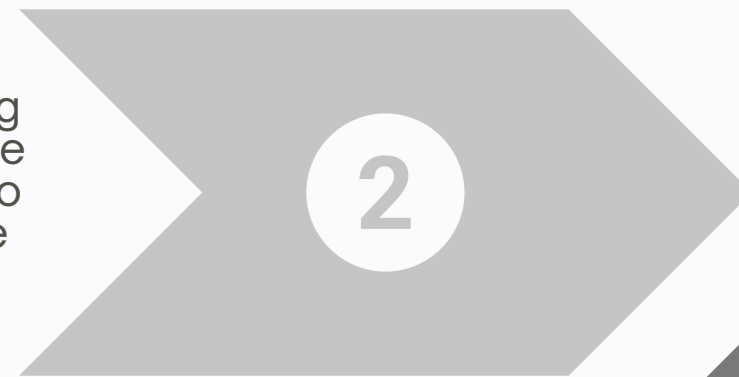
Have Issues? ensure proper response to DEEDS Team Emails/Notifications.

- From Educator Dashboard, click “Respond to Deficiency”
- Enter/Update missing information
- Check box at bottom of screen next to “Resolved” and resubmit.
- If deficiencies are not resolved within **15 days**, a reminder email will be shared with no further review. Failure to provide required information within **30 days** may result in the closure of your application

Paraprofessional Registered Occupation Program (PRO)

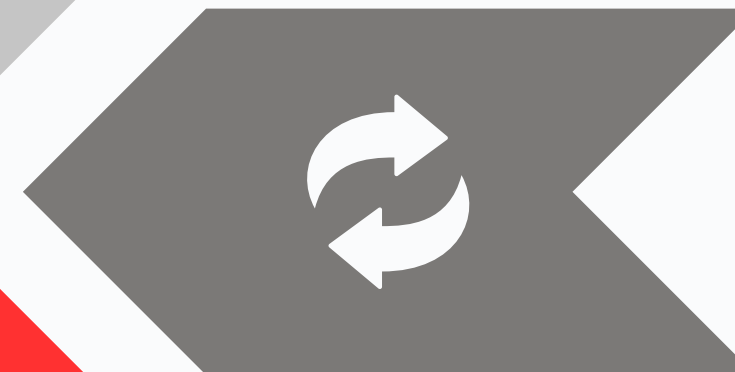
Two -Year “Earn & Learn” Pathway

Eligible for Teacher Academy graduates looking to stay in classrooms while earning their college credits OR current paraprofessionals seeking to complete the 60 education credits to advance toward certification



Learning While Teaching

Apprentices work full-time supporting students in classrooms while completing Associate’s Degree-equivalent coursework in the evenings and asynchronously. Within about two years, they are ready to take the next steps toward becoming licensed classroom teachers



Strengthens Educator Workforce

This apprenticeship program removes unnecessary barriers, allowing educators to keep making a difference while earning the credentials to teach



Target Teacher Shortage

Increases educator pipeline through recruiting, training, and supporting aspiring educators