# PATHWAYS TO A DEGREE IN EDUCATION

Within the Laurel School District





# The Laurel School District

# <u>People</u>

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

# Alternative Routes to Certification

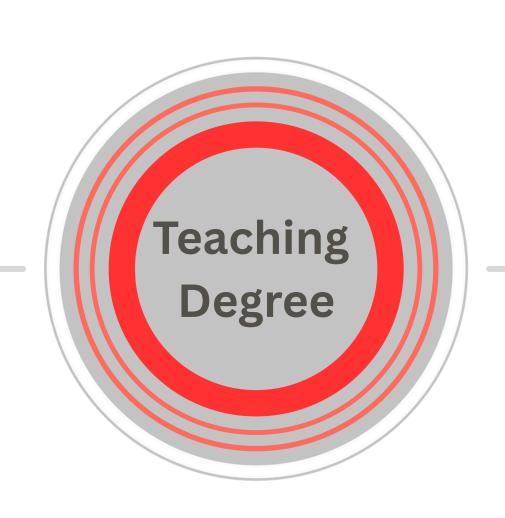
Those with a bachelor's degree and 24 credits of content area coursework in a teaching area can earn a teaching degree through an ARTC program at DelState, Univ. of DE, Wilm. Univ. or Relay.

### Para to Teacher Program

Wilmington University offers an Alternative
Routes to Certificate (ARTC) para-to-teacher
program for those who already have an
undergraduate degree and would like a Master's
Degree in Special Education.

#### Relay Year-Long Residency

Relay's Year-Long Residency Program is for Laurel paras that already have a Bachelor's Degree and that want a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree. They may potentially remain as a para as they finish this program, resulting in dual certification.



# DelTech Associates to Bachelor Degree

LHS students or paras without a degree can pursue a 2-year associates degree at DelTech in Elementary Education. If they wish to continue on, they can complete years 3 and 4 in DelTech's Elementary Education Program or articulate to another university.

# Univ. of DE Associate in Arts Program

Bachelor's

Degree

The UD Associate in Arts Program in Georgetown offers students an option to complete the BSEd. after 2 years in Georgetown and the final 2 years in Newark.

#### Wilm Univ Year-Long Residency

Wilmington University's Year-Long Residency
Program is for Wilm Univ. students working on a
bachelor's degree. if working as a para at Laurel, they
may be eligible for a \$25,000 stipend if they meet
qualifications.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4year 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 YearLong Residency Program
also receive a 50% reduction
in tuition for all courses
during the recidency year.

# Delaware State Univeristy

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.

# Master's Degree

# Alternative Routes to Certification

Those with a bachelor's degree and 24 credits of content area coursework in a teaching area can get a teaching degree through an ARTC program. They can secure employment immediately as a classroom teacher while completing their Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree.

### Delaware State ARTC Program

Delaware State University
offers master's Degrees in
Secondary Education
(Middle & High School)
through an Alternative
Routes to Certification
Program. Candidates
graduates with a Master of
Arts in Education.

# WilmU Graduate Certificate Cohort

Wilmington University
offers Graduate
Certificates in Critical
Needs Areas, for those that
already have a bachelor's
or master's degree and a
Teaching License (and want
a certification in a critical
need area).

# WilmU Para to Teacher Program

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would like a master's
degree in special
education.

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# 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/academi cs/programsstudy/elementary-education/

# **Delaware State University**

#### Contact:

Darren Rainey drainey@desu.edu

#### Website:

https://chess.desu.edu/depart ments/education

# WilmU Year-Long Residency

#### Contact:

Stacie Zdrojewski stacie.a.zdrojewski@wilmu.edu **Website:** 

https://www.wilmu.edu/educati on/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:

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### Relay Year-Long Residency

#### **Contact:**

Dana Davidson ddavidson@relay.edu

#### Website:

https://www.relay.edu/locatio n/delaware

#### **Laurel Contact:**

Andrea Yoder, Director of Human Resources andrea.yoder@laurel.k12.de.us

# Early Childhood Information Applying for a Ouglification Contificate Main Continuous DEED

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 Vertifiction of Child Care Experience form (an intern does not require)
- Education:
  - o For all Positions Except Intern: Send an official high school transcript to deedsearlylearning@doe.k12.de.us
  - o 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)

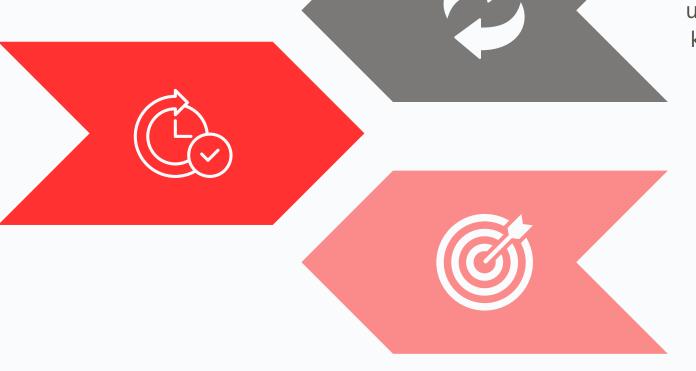
# Two -Year "Earn & Learn" Pathway

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