

Policy Acknowledgement For Undergraduate Programs

The University Council on Teacher Education (UCTE) is the body at the University of Delaware that creates policies for all educator preparation programs. One of the policies is that undergraduate students in teacher preparation programs (teacher candidates) must acknowledge that they have read and understand the Professionalism Policy (dispositions) for Professional Education Candidates. All of the UCTE policies can be found online at the [UCTE policy web page](#).

Please read the following UCTE policies listed below. The [UCTE policy web page](#) describes these policies and other policies in more detail. Candidates can contact the Delaware Center for Teacher Education at (302) 831-3000 or dcte-cert@udel.edu if they have any questions about the UCTE policies.

- [Professional Dispositions of Effective Educators – Candidate Form](#)
- Candidates in violation of UD’s Student Code of Conduct may be removed from their field placement and/or prohibited from future field placements. The candidates’ violations(s) may be reviewed by the [UCTE Professional Education Conduct Board](#), depending on the sanction.
- Candidates are required to complete the fingerprint version of the federal and state of Delaware [criminal background check \(CBC\)](#). The CBC is valid for one year. The Office of Clinical Studies (OCS) must have a valid CBC on file for each candidate who is registered for a course with a field placement by the first day of the semester. Failure to have a valid CBC on file in OCS by the first day of the semester will mean that such candidates will be required to drop any courses with field placements for that semester. Please see the [OCS website](#) to determine for which semesters your CBC is valid. Please note: there is an exception for transfer students in some cases. Please see the [UCTE Policy website](#) for more information.
- Candidates must meet one of the following criteria in order to be eligible to [enter Student Teaching](#):
 - Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during the most recent two years of the applicant’s general education, whether secondary or post-secondary **OR**
 - Achieving a score deemed to be College Ready on a test of general knowledge normed to the college-bound population (for example, SAT, ACT, GRE, or Praxis Core)
- Candidates must pass the [Praxis Subject Assessment](#), formerly known as Praxis II, in their discipline required by the State of Delaware to receive the institutional recommendation for certification.
- Candidates must pass a [performance assessment](#) required by the State of Delaware (i.e., edTPA or PPAT, depending on the candidate’s teacher preparation program) to receive institutional recommendation for certification. This assessment must be scored by certified reviewers who are not employees of the University of Delaware.

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I understand that as a teacher candidate, in order to comply with UCTE policies and state law:

- I must have a [cleared TB test](#) on file at the Student Health Center to be in the field.
- I must submit a paper copy of the [Child Protection Registry Form](#) to the Office of Clinical Studies to be in the field.
- I must have a [current State of Delaware and federal criminal background check](#) (CBC) on file at the Office of Clinical Studies by the first day of the semester when I am taking a course with a field placement.
- It may be necessary for the [Office of Clinical Studies](#) to share the above information when appropriate with designated school officials and/or program coordinators when securing field placements.
- The [Delaware Center for Teacher Education](#) has access to my student conduct records from the Office of Student Conduct during my program.
- OCS may take into consideration my student conduct records when determining my eligibility for a field placement.
- These policies are in effect during my enrollment in my teacher education program.

I have read and understand the above UCTE policies. I understand that my ability to be placed in the field may be impacted by ratings on the dispositions form, sanctions from the Office of Student Conduct, or results from the criminal background check. If I know or suspect that there is or may be an issue with my criminal background check or student conduct record, I will contact the Office of Clinical Studies at (302)831-6778 or clinicalstudies@udel.edu immediately.

To sign off on the UCTE Policy Acknowledgement Form, please visit:
https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8H0sV557KVcAdEN