



# Delaware's State-Approved Alternative Administrative Certification Programs

Delaware has three state-approved Alternative Administrator Certification programs for educators who are seeking administrator certification to become an Assistant Principal, Principal, or a Special Education Director.

## University of Delaware Principal Preparation Program (UDEL PPP)

<http://www.dasl.udel.edu/home/principal-preparation-program/> (302-500-7033)

This program offers an alternative route to achieving an Assistant Principal/Principal certificate. UDEL PPP participants are engaged in action research through University of Delaware coursework while interning with principals who have a proven track record of success. Prior to completing the program, participants have opportunities to practice and receive feedback regarding Delaware's Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) and exit the program as credentialed evaluators of educators.

## University of Delaware Special Education Administrative Leadership (SEAL) Program

<https://www.cds.udel.edu/seal/> (302-831-4689)

This program offers an alternative route to achieving a Special Education Director Certification. UDEL SEAL participants are engaged in action research through the University of Delaware coursework while interning with special education directors who have a proven track record of success. Prior to completing the program, participants have opportunities to practice and receive feedback regarding Delaware's Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) and exit the program as credentialed evaluators of educators and administrators.

## Lead For Delaware (LFD) Program of 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension

<https://4thdimensionleaders.org>

Lead For Delaware is an innovative, highly-selective, alternative route principal certification program. LFD recruits, trains and certifies high-potential leaders to serve in high-needs public schools across the state of Delaware. Each year, a small cohort of aspiring leaders is selected to move through a two-year leadership development experience that provides 400 hours of professional development and 600 hours of clinical experience while serving full-time in teaching and other school-based roles. Upon completion of the program, LFD leaders enter into formal school leadership roles and begin the work of transforming the educational options for the deserving students in our state.

## Fostering Leadership Excellence (FLEX)

FLEX is a State-approved alternative certification program for aspiring Delaware building administrators. Program features: Face-to-face and online professional development sessions, (300 hours); Extensive internship experience customized to the needs of the districts and candidates (600 hours); Professional development modules developed and facilitated by practitioners; and DPAS II training and calibration leading to DPAS II certification. ***FLEX is not currently seeking new applicants.***

### Questions?

Answers to most questions can be found at:

<https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification>

If additional assistance is needed, email:

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