

HELPFUL SITES:

Apply on DEEDS before submitting documents to our office.
<https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us>

Professional Standards Board (PSB)
<http://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/172>

PSB Regulations governing licensure and certification
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500>

Join Delaware Schools is the statewide educational recruitment portal.
Create an account, find vacancies, and apply for jobs.
<http://www.joindelawareschools.org>

DE public school districts and charter schools by county
<https://pubapps.doe.k12.de.us/EducationalDirectoryPublic/pages/Districts/Default.aspx>

Educational Testing Services (Core Academic Skills for Educators and Praxis II)
<http://www.ets.org/praxis/de/requirements>

Language Testing International (ACTFL Oral and Written proficiency tests)
<http://www.languagetesting.com>

An official NACES member foreign evaluation report is required for all non-US degrees. For additional information:
https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/certificate/deeds_nonuscred.aspx

National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)
<http://www.naces.org/members.html>

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**DELAWARE
LICENSURE
AND
CERTIFICATION**

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In Delaware you must hold both a **License** and at least one **Certificate**. The License authorizes you to work in a District/Charter and the Certificate identifies the area you are authorized to practice.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION are accepted online only through our Delaware Educator Data System (DEEDS) <https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us>.

GENERAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited four-year institution
- Completion of student teaching as part of a Teacher Prep Program
- Passing score on Praxis Core Academic Skills Test or approved alternative
- Passing score on a Content Knowledge Exam (Praxis II, ACTFL)

Alternative Routes (no student teaching):

- DE employment and enrollment in a DE-approved Alternate Route Program **OR**
- DE employment and one year in lieu of student teaching in a non-core content area

For more information:

https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/registration/deeds_reg_artc.aspx

TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

- **General Knowledge Exam:**
Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading, Writing and Mathematics (or approved alternative) are required for licensure. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) educators and out-of-state educators with reciprocal credentials are exempt.
- **Content Knowledge Exam:**
Applicants must pass an examination of content knowledge, such as Praxis II or ACTFL when applicable and available. NBPTS educators and out-of-state educators with reciprocal credentials are exempt.

DELAWARE OFFERS 3 LICENSES:

Initial License - Issued to an educator who has less than three years of experience. An Initial Inactive License will be issued if the educator is not employed with a Delaware District/Charter School. The Inactive Initial license is a full and valid License. Upon employment the Initial License is activated and valid for three years. Mentoring and satisfactory evaluations are required.

Continuing License - This is a five-year renewable license and may be obtained through one of the following options:

- Graduate from an Initial License **OR**
- Hold reciprocal credentials from another state, have three years of full-time credentialed teaching experience in that state, and two satisfactory summative evaluations equivalent to Delaware's evaluations.

Ninety clock hours are required to renew a Continuing License every five years.

Advanced License - This ten-year license may only be obtained by holding current National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification. Educators are not required to obtain an Advanced License.

DELAWARE OFFERS 2 CERTIFICATES:

Standard Certificate – All requirements are met.

Emergency Certificate – Requirements outstanding.

- Educator must be employed by a Delaware public school.
- Emergency must be requested by the employer.
- Emergency is valid for one year.