

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE TEACHER FIELD PLACEMENT AT-A-GLANCE

Field placement provides University of Delaware teacher candidates (TC) with opportunities to learn about the teaching profession in a real-world setting. Clinical educators (CE) are critical to the field placement process. By becoming a CE, teacher candidates can apply what they learn in their University courses and promote the development of their professional knowledge, teaching skills and preparation to join the workforce.

CLINICAL EDUCATOR

A district or charter school teacher who hosts a student in any type of field placement. CEs receive clock hours and financial compensation depending on the level of placement.

TEACHER CANDIDATE

An aspiring educator from UD participating in a required field placement that aligns to a specific course/program of study.

FIELD PLACEMENT

The school/community site to which a UD student is assigned.

PLACEMENT	DESCRIPTION
Early Fields	Freshman and/or sophomore students engage in tutoring, mentoring, observing, working with individuals or small groups of learners and assisting in school classrooms or in a community site.
Methods	Junior and/or senior year students build on the early field experiences that include working with small groups of learners, teaching some lessons and completing classroom responsibilities.
Student Teaching	Senior year students build on the early field and methods experiences that include working with all learners, teaching full lessons over an extended period of time.

TEACHER FIELD PLACEMENT

UD PROGRAM	TEACHING GRADES	LENGTH OF PLACEMENT
Early Childhood Education	PreK-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods: 1-2 days per week for 5 hours (<i>depending on course</i>)• Student Teaching: Two 12-week experiences (<i>Fall & Spring</i>)
Elementary Education	Grades 1-5 Grades 6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods: 1-2 days per week with 2 teaching weeks depending on concentration (<i>Middle School, Special Education, English as a Second Language/Multilingual Learner</i>)• Student Teaching: One 14-week placement or two 7-week placements (<i>Fall & Spring</i>)
Secondary Education	Grades 9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods is fall semester senior year which flows into spring semester's student teaching experience with the same CE
4+1	PreK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the +1 year, students participate in two 12-week internships (<i>Fall & Spring</i>)

FAQS

How do I become a Clinical Educator?

Follow your school, district or charter's process to show your interest. See your principal for specifics. Visit ocs.udel.edu/clinicialeducator to learn more.

How will I know if I am selected?

The UD Office of Clinical Studies will send out an email notification that will state your students' name, type of placement, location and timeframe for placement. Additional information including compensation, surveys and digital platforms will also be included.

What if I am not selected?

Several items are required before a placement is secured. Transportation is a major factor as not all students have a car. The type of certification and classroom setting required by the students' concentration/major must be aligned to the placement. If teachers are not selected to host a UD student, that does not mean the teacher is not suitable, but more likely that the constraints above impacted the placement.

Can I request a specific student to host? Or can the student request a specific Clinical Educator?

It is difficult to ensure that a request made by the CE/TC can be accomplished due to the items above. Requests can be made but are not guaranteed.