

School of Education Application for Change of Major To the Elementary Teacher Education (ETE) Major

Name: _____ Date: _____

Student ID: _____ Expected Grad.: _____

Current Major: _____

Desired Concentration: (check first and second choice)

- ☐ English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ☐ Middle School English
- ☐ Middle School Math
- ☐ Middle School Science
- ☐ Middle School Social Studies
- ☐ Special Education (additional application essay required; see page 2)

I, _____, hereby waive my privacy rights (pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974), and authorize the Office of Student Conduct at the University of Delaware to release and/or discuss information regarding my student disciplinary record with the School of Education at the University of Delaware. This waiver shall be considered valid as long as my application is on file with the School of Education.

REQUIREMENTS

You must meet the following requirements to be considered for transfer into the ETE major:

1. Complete one semester at UD.
2. Earn a minimum overall GPA of 2.60.
3. Successfully complete the Stewards of Children program and submit the certificate of completion. This program can be completed online at http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkGcISE/b.6143709/k.3D5F/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Training_ONLINE.htm (please copy and paste this web address into your internet browser). The online training costs \$10 and takes approximately 2 hours to complete.
4. Successfully pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators tests in reading, writing and math according to the State of Delaware guidelines. Information about the guidelines, possible exemptions for the reading and math tests, and how to register for the test is available online at www.education.udel.edu/ete/praxis. Please note that there is no exemption for the writing test and it takes approximately 4 weeks to receive the writing score.
5. Have your student conduct records (if any) reviewed. Please note that serious violations or sanctions may impact acceptance to the Elementary Teacher Education major. Completion of this application serves as notice that staff in the School of Education will contact the Office of Student Conduct to inquire about conduct records.

Internal transfer students will be accepted on a rolling basis. This application will be kept on file in WHL 134 and will continue to be considered as long as you are still interested in the major. If you are no longer interested, please contact Vickie Lucas at vickie@udel.edu or 302-831-8933.

Application for the Special Education Concentration

There are a limited number of seats in the Special Education concentration because of the low number of special education field placements in schools. Students must therefore apply to this concentration. They are admitted into the concentration if their essay below is approved and there is a seat in the concentration. If their essay is approved but there is not a seat in the concentration, then they will be admitted into their second choice for a concentration. Please list your second choice for your concentration here: _____

Write a one-page essay explaining why you would like to pursue special education certification. Your essay should provide evidence that your reasons for selecting the concentration are grounded in an understanding of the role of a special educator and a commitment to working with children who have disabilities. In your essay, include a description of any prior volunteer work or paid experiences with individuals with disabilities, if any. Such experience is not necessary for admission to the concentration, but may be useful for explaining your interests and goals. Please type your essay and use double-spacing.