

Elementary Teacher Education Sophomore Class Meeting

March , 2017

Overview

- Upper Division Clearance requirements and application process
- Courses in the elementary methods block
- Description of the block field experiences

Upper Division Clearance (UDC)

- Students must complete the UDC requirements in order to be registered for the elementary block courses.
- UDC requirements include:
 - Minimum 2.6 cumulative GPA.
 - EDUC 100 and all 200-level education courses
 - Specific set of General Studies Courses
 - Praxis Core
 - **All requirements must be met at least one week before fall or spring semester begins.**
- The requirements are also described online at <http://www.education.udel.edu/ete/upper-division-clearance/>.

Education Courses Required for UDC

- Successfully complete (C- or better) the following courses
 - EDUC 100
 - EDUC 205
 - EDUC 210
 - EDUC 230
 - EDUC 240/247
 - EDUC 258
 - EDUC 286

General Studies Courses Required for UDC

- Successfully complete (C- or better) the following courses
 - **English:**
 - ENGL 110
 - **Math:** MATH 251, 252 and 253
 - **Science:** Two of the following three science courses.
 - BISC 104 (fall and spring)
 - GEOL 113 (winter and spring)
 - SCEN 101 (fall and spring)
 - **Social Studies:** Two of the following four social science courses.
 - ECON 100, 101 or 102
 - GEOG 102, 120, 203 or 210
 - HIST 103, 104, 205 or 206
 - POSC 150 or 102 (NOTE: ECON/POSC 102 are the same course and students cannot take both POSC 102 and ECON 102.)

Praxis Core

- Students must pass the **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators** test according to the State of Delaware guidelines for UDC.
 - These tests assess basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Initially register for the Combined Test at www.ets.org/praxis **IF** you need all three sections.
 - You must designate the University of Delaware (5811) as one of the three free score recipients.
- Can retake any individual test as many times as needed, although scores must be posted on UDSIS by 1 week before the fall or spring semester begins.
- More information about the test, including tips for preparing for it and for exemptions is available online at <http://www.education.udel.edu/ete/praxis/>.

UDC Application

- The link for the UDC application (qualtrics survey) was sent via e-mail to you earlier this afternoon.

Students provide information on the application that could impact their program, such as:

- Circumstances that would impact in which semester they begin their elementary block and student teaching experience.
- Their intention to apply to the 4+1 program.
- Students fall into one of three categories based on their UDC application.
 - **Cleared:** All requirements are met.
 - **Provisional:** All requirements will be met after completing the Spring 2017 courses successfully.
 - **Denied:** One or more of the requirements are missing (e.g., low GPA, missing Praxis scores).
- Students can only apply for UDC once a year and need to apply if they are on track to start blocks in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018.
- The deadline for completing the UDC application is **March 10**.

UDC Application and the Block Assignment

- The elementary block is a semester when you will take all of your elementary methods courses.
 - Students in the **special education or middle school mathematics** concentration take this block in fall or spring of their junior year. They will be notified prior to Fall 2017 registration of their UDC application status (e.g., provisional) and if they are completing this block in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018.
 - Students in **ESL, middle school English, science, and social studies** concentrations take this block in spring of their junior year but must apply now. Students will be notified prior to Spring 2018 registration of their UDC application status (e.g., provisional). They should discuss their Fall 2017 course schedule their advisor.

I will register students for the block classes and you will be able to view your schedule in UDSIS after your registration appointment date. Students do not have a choice of block sections, but all are similar, typically with one or two evening courses.

Elementary Block

- The elementary block is 17 credits.

EDUC 310 – Reading and Writing in Elementary School

EDUC 335 – Elementary Curriculum: Mathematics

EDUC 341 – Elementary Curriculum: Science

EDUC 346 – Elementary Curriculum: Social Studies

EDUC 387 – Integrating Technology in Education (2 credits)

EDUC 390 – Classroom Management for Social and Emotional Growth

- This block is the first in a sequence of three consecutive semesters.



Field Experience Requirements

- **Criminal background clearance** must be on file at the Office of Clinical Studies (OCS) and a current **TB test** on file at Student Health Services prior to the elementary blocks and each semester of student teaching.
 - The criminal background clearance is only valid for one year.
 - Your current CBC must be submitted to OCS by the first day of the semester.
 - The web page at www.ocs.udel.edu/student-teaching/criminal-background-clearances/ shows when criminal background clearances are valid.
 - The web page at www.ocs.udel.edu/information-for-placements/ppd-mantoux-tuberculine-test/ shows when TB tests are valid.
- Contact OCS at clinicalstudies@udel.edu if you have any questions about the criminal background clearance or TB test.
- There will be no exceptions to this rule. If your updated CBC is not in by the first day of the block semester, you will be removed from blocks.

4+1 Program

- ETE students can earn a M.Ed. in Exceptional Children and Youth during a fifth (+1) year.
- In addition to earning the master's degree, students in the
 - **Special education concentration** students are also eligible for certification in Autism/Severe Disabilities. This track is described online at <http://www.education.udel.edu/4-1/autismsevere-disabilities-41-program/>.
 - **Middle school or ESL concentration** students are also eligible for certification in special education. Links to the elementary and secondary special education tracks are available online at <http://www.education.udel.edu/masters/>.
- The application deadline is Dec. 15 of the junior year.
- Contact Bridget Duda at bduda@udel.edu if you have questions about the 4+1 programs.
- SE students interested in 4+1 should begin blocks in fall. ESL and Middle School students interested in 4+1 typically begin blocks spring.

Timing of EDUC 451

- **Special education students and ESL students** must take Educational Assessment (EDUC 451) before their elementary block.
- Middle school students who plan to pursue the **4+1 in special education program** may need to take EDUC 451 prior to their elementary block, depending on their situation.
- **Middle School students** who do not plan to pursue the 4+1 will take EDUC 451 as part of the first student teaching semester; they should not take this course prior to the elementary block. Middle school science students may be an exception so see your advisor for the best semester to take EDUC 451.

Praxis II Tests

- ETE students must take the **Praxis II** tests that are required for the State of Delaware teacher certification in elementary education and in the area of their concentration (e.g., special education) prior to graduation.
- Students must pass the Praxis II tests according to State of Delaware guidelines in order to earn institutional recommendation for teacher certification. This institutional recommendation is noted on students' transcripts and is needed to apply for teacher certification in Delaware and other states.
- Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects – students must receive a passing score on each subtest: ELA, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.
- You can take the subtest individually and in some cases, may be to your advantage. For example, you may want to consider taking the science subtest after completing your three general studies science courses.
- More information about the test, including tips for preparing for it, is available online at <http://www.education.udel.edu/ete/praxis/>.

Additional Information

- You will be assigned a new advisor at the beginning of the semester that you begin your student teaching.
- Students cannot move on to student teaching with an incomplete or a grade lower than C- in a block course.
- Students must have an overall GPA of 2.60 or above to student teach and students must have an EDUC GPA of 2.75 or above to student teach.
- In addition, students must have a GPA of 2.60 or above in their concentration.

Once you are cleared...

- Elementary block sections and partner assignments are made.
- Placements in elementary classrooms in a school district will be determined. You will not find out your placement site until the semester begins.
- You can prepare for the elementary block by thinking about...
 - Transportation
 - Professional wardrobe
 - Emails from OCS
 - Background clearance
 - TB test

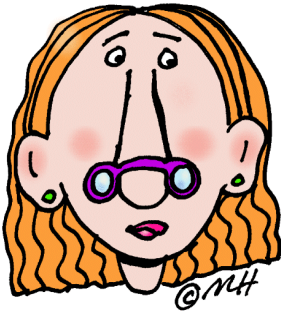
Elementary Block Information

- At the beginning the elementary block, you will receive an email with information about your...
 - Placement assignment
 - Cooperating teacher and email
 - Grade level
 - School
 - Partner's name and email
 - Date, time, and location of MANDATORY orientation session
 - Field supervisor
- The elementary block website has information about assignments
<http://www.education.udel.edu/ete/methods-field-experiences/elementary-block/>
- Students will be rated on their dispositions
<http://www.ocs.udel.edu/information-for-placements/dispositions-policy/>

Elementary Block Support and Communication



Course Instructors-
lesson plans, assignments,
teaching



UD Supervisor-
Field questions,
teaching, assignments,
performance in the
classroom



**Cooperating
Teacher-**
lesson plans, assignments,
teaching, performance in
the classroom