Timeline for Completing the University of Delaware MA TESL Program
August 31, 2015
YEAR ONE

1. August, before beginning first year of studies
   • Make contact with your advisor
   • Register for the following required first semester courses:
     EDUC 623  Applied Human Development  (not 4+1 students)
     EDUC 672  Teaching English as a Second Language
     LING 677  Structure of English
     Part time students or students transferring credits into the program: see your
     Advisor regarding which courses to take.
   • Attend School of Education graduate student orientation
   • Attend MA TESL student orientation

2. October, first year
   • Register for Livetext for your 18 credit portfolio, EDUC 647, and FLLT 624
     assignments. Their main website is: www.livetext.com. However, UD students have
     exclusive discounts by registering through:
     http://www.regonline.com/universityofdelawarelivetext12or3yearmembershippur
     Membership rates are: $45 1 year; $55 2 years; $65 3 years.

3. November, first year
   • Students register online for spring courses
     EDUC 740  Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners
     LING 676  Second Language Acquisition and Bilingualism  (not 4+1 students)
     FLLT 622  Language Syllabus Design  (not 4+1 students)
     EDUC 741  Diversity in ESL Classrooms  (can be taken year two if not seeking
              teaching certificate). International students should also defer to
              year two, spring.
     Part time students or students who transferred credits into the program: see your advisor
     or Dr. Stevens regarding which courses to take.
     4 + 1, Part time students, or those who have transferred credits into the program: you
     must turn in a portfolio of work at the completion of 18 credits of study (including UD
     transferred credits)
   • 4 + 1 students register for winter session course:
     EDUC 623  Applied Human Development  (Only 4 + 1 students)
   • Information meeting on Student teaching with Kimberly Cavallio or Carol Phipps, Friday,
     November 6, at 2:00 PM, Room 201, 108 E. Main Street
   • Early Field Placements You must register for all Early Field Placements before the spring
     semester begins. To do so please go to http://www.udel.edu/ocs/student/index.html. Select
     the link for ‘EDUC741). Follow all instructions for ‘Before the Semester Begins’. More
     information will be given after classes begin. Be certain to have your CBC completed by
     November 30th prior to the spring semester.
     All students must show proof of TB, MMR, CBC clearance before they can participate in a
     field placement. Please visit http://www.udel.edu/ocs/student/TB_info.html for more
     information.
4. December, first year
   - Students seeking teacher certification: take the Praxis Core Academic Skills for 
     Students with strong GRE scores may qualify for exemption of some sections of the test.
     University contact: Barbara Vandornick
     Delaware Center for Teacher Education
     200 Academy St.
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5. February, 21 first year
   - Student Teaching
     Any MA-TESL student who wishes to student teach MUST submit an application by this 
     date if they wish to be placed in the public schools for the fall semester or spring 
     semester. Those who student teach must submit their application form to Dr. Stevens.
     Email Dr. Stevens to obtain the MA TESL Student Teaching Application Form.
     For more information, go to: www.ocs.udel.edu
     General Student Teaching Information can be found at
     http://www.udel.edu/ocs/student/student_teaching/index.html

6. April, before beginning second year of studies
   - Register for the following required Year Two fall courses:
     FLLT 624 Second Language Testing
     EDUC 647 Advanced ESL Teaching Methods, Design and Strategies
     Part time students or students who transferred credits into the program: see your advisor
     regarding which courses to take.
     EDUC 742 EDUC Practicum in Teaching ESL*
     * Required of all full time students not doing fall student teaching.
     EDUC 750 Graduate Teaching Internship**
     **Required of students with TAs seeking certification. Those who don’t have TA ships
     must wait until the spring.
   - Obtain new criminal background check and TB clearance prior to June 1st if you are
     planning to student teach during the second year if CBC and TB were obtained prior to
     November 1st.
   - Check the web page at http://www.ocs.udel.edu/information-for-placements/ppd-mantoux-tuberculin-test/ to see if you need to complete a new TB test prior to student
     teaching. This page provides dates by which the TB test needs to be completed.

7. June 10, end of first year
   Turn in your portfolio of materials to the MA TESL Program Coordinator at the completion of 18
   credits of study. The portfolio should include completed lesson plans, tests or test items you
   have written, course projects, and a selected sample of term papers. See Portfolio Requirement
   for Candidacy to the MA TESL Degree at http://www.education.udel.edu/masters/tesl/
YEAR TWO

1. August, second year of studies.
   - Students seeking a student teaching placement but have not yet received confirmation of their assignment should contact Carol Phipps, phippsc@udel.edu 831-3562.

2. October, second year of studies
   - Students not seeking teacher certification: see Professor Nigel Caplan (nacaplan@udel.edu) to plan your spring semester teaching practicum

3. November, second year of studies, registration for spring semester
   - Students not seeking teacher certification should register for:
     EDUC 742 (3 cr.) TESL Practicum: plan with Professor Caplan
   - Students seeking teacher certification should register for:
     EDUC 750 (6 cr.) Graduate Teaching Internship (Student Teaching)
     EDUC 741 (3 cr.) Diversity in the ESL Classroom (if not taken in first year)
   - All MATESL students must register for PRAXIS II, ESL test given in January (or before). The test code is 0361. See: www.ets.org/praxis or call (800) 772-9476. Students are required to submit their test scores to the Office of Clinical Studies and to Dr. Stevens. They must achieve a score of 150 on the new test to qualify for the degree.

4. February 1, second year of studies
   - All students planning to graduate by May: complete the “Application for Advanced Degree” form, available on the web at http://grad.udel.edu/
     Submit form to Dr. Stevens for his signature. (Attach copy of Praxis II ESL test score results and your unofficial TESL transcript to Dr. Stevens when giving him the application for the advanced degree). It then gets forwarded with the check for the graduation fee to David Hannah in 106 Alison Hall West.

5. March, second year of studies
   - Students wanting to qualify as bilingual teachers must submit to Dr. Stevens evidence of 15 credit hours of course work in target language at or above the third year college level or by passing a proficiency test. In addition, Delaware requires students to sit for the ACTFL oral and written proficiency exam in the language for which bilingual certification is being sought.
   - All candidates wanting to become ESL teachers must submit to Dr. Stevens or their advisor evidence of at least 6 hours of a foreign language at the intermediate level or pass a proficiency test.
   - Nonnative speakers of English who wish to use their MA TESL degree in the United States must see Mr. Joe Matterer to schedule two tests: UDIA and SPEAK, scoring at least 255 and 55, respectively on the tests. They do NOT have to the ACTFL in English prior to qualifying for a public school teaching position if they successfully complete their UD MA TESL degree.
   - All candidates seeking ESL employment in the public schools as a highly qualified teacher must register for a Praxis II test in a subject area other than ESL, if they do not already have a degree or 30 credits in a certification qualifying subject area, such as social studies, English (Language Arts), math, or science.
6. April, second year of studies
   - Candidates should attend the job fair sponsored by the School of Education at Bob Carpenter Sports/Convocation Center
     
You can find more information at the Project Search website, http://www.udel.edu/CSC/projsearch.html.

7. May, second year of studies
   - Attend your May graduation. Congratulations!

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University of Delaware Professional Education Conceptual Framework
The Conceptual Framework for the MA TESL Program and all professional education programs at the University of Delaware is located at http://www.ucte.udel.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Conceptual-Framework-2012.pdf. With reflective practice as a guiding principle and with diverse learning communities as a context, the University of Delaware prepares candidates to adopt and integrate three critical professional roles: scholar, problem solver, and partner. UD-prepared educators function as:
• **Scholars**, who are grounded in the knowledge of their disciplines, in pedagogical content knowledge, in knowledge of best practices informed by state and national standards, and in theory and research concerning individuals, families, and communities.

• **Problem solvers**, who construct practical, effective approaches to professional challenges using a sound base of theory and research, and who help others construct their own ways of addressing challenges.

  **Partners**, who use a flexible array of well-developed skills to support the positive development of all learners, giving balanced attention to the emotional, social, physical and cognitive dimensions of students' lives.