

Who is the UD Teacher?

The University Council on Teacher Education (UCTE) at the University of Delaware leads and coordinates the University's effort to prepare the most impactful teachers for the state of Delaware and beyond. Through rigorous coursework and multiple high-quality clinical experiences, the University Council on Teacher Education ensures all programs meet state and national standards and engage in continuous program improvement.

Together, the University Council on Teacher Education and the teacher education programs at the University of Delaware cultivate future educators who demonstrate these distinctive characteristics as comprehensively prepared beginning teachers.

Top Voted Distinctive Characteristics

I. Content, Pedagogical and Technology Knowledge

The UD Teacher demonstrates strong content knowledge, research-based pedagogical skills, and appropriate use of instructional technology tools.

II. Equity-minded and Culturally Responsive Practice

The UD Teacher uses equity-minded and culturally responsive practices to be active disruptors of inequities in their classrooms, schools, and education system.

III. Learner Development and Learner Differences

The UD Teacher applies knowledge of learner development and learner differences to construct learning environments able to meet the socio-emotional needs of learners.

IV. Reflective Practitioner

The UD Teacher is a reflective practitioner as evidenced by changing their practices based on feedback, formative assessment, and self-reflection.