



## What is Project DELITE?

The University of Delaware has been awarded a National Professional Development grant by the US Department of Education for **Project DELITE (Delaware English Learners' Impact on Teacher Education)**. Under this grant, we will provide a route, **at no cost**, to Teacher of English Learners or Bilingual Teacher certification for 60 educators and 15 paraprofessionals over the next five years.

Project DELITE is also a research study to investigate the impact of certification on educators' knowledge, beliefs, and practices. To produce reliable results, we will assign participants randomly among three cohorts, starting classes in Summer 2023, 2024, or 2025. You cannot choose your preferred cohort due to the research design.

## What does participation involve?

- Five online graduate courses from the University of Delaware over 14 months
- All textbooks are provided
- Praxis II (ESOL) test (a score of 149 or higher is required for EL Teacher certification)
- One year of support in a Professional Learning Community (PLC), leading to a capstone project presentation at the annual Delaware Multilingual Learner Conference
- A \$250 stipend for each year of participation and data collection

## What are the classes?

The five courses are required for EL/Bilingual certification in Delaware:

1. Summer 1 (5 weeks, June-July): LING 676, Second Language Acquisition & Bilingualism
2. Summer 2 (asynchronous plus office hours): EDUC 740, Literacy for English Learners
3. Fall (semester): EDUC 672, Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language
4. Spring (semester, starting in February): LING 677, Structure of English
5. Year 2 Summer (5 weeks, June-July): LLCU 624, Second Language Testing

In addition, participants who do not hold a Delaware teaching license will participate in the Alternate Routes to Certification seminar (6 Saturdays in July and August), the cost of which will be covered by the grant. Participants may be eligible for a Delaware teaching license after the program; additional requirements apply.

## Who can participate?

Participants will be teachers and specialists who already work with multilingual students and/or those who are looking to move into immersion or ESL specialist positions. The program is suitable for teachers of all grade levels (K-12) and all subject areas.

Paraprofessionals from Delaware's multilingual and immigrant communities are especially welcome. You may be able to earn a full teaching license through a partnership with Alternate Routes to Certification (ARTC) at UD.

All participants must be currently working in a Delaware public K-12 school and plan to stay for the duration of the project. You must have direct contact with students, including multilingual learners.

## How will participants be selected?

We will invite participants on the basis of:

- Potential impact on multilingual learners in the applicant's context
- Experience working with multilingual learners
- Motivation
- Diversity and proficiency in non-English languages

## What is the timeline?

Participants who are accepted and complete the consent form will be randomly assigned to Cohort 1, 2, or 3 in mid-March 2023.

	<b>Cohort 1</b>	<b>Cohort 2</b>	<b>Cohort 3</b>
Baseline data collection	Spring 2023	Spring 2023	Spring 2023
"Control" condition (observations only)	N/A	Fall 2023 - Spring 2024	Fall 2024 - Spring 2025
5 certification classes	Summer 2023 - Summer 2024	Summer 2024 - Summer 2025	Summer 2025 - Summer 2026
Praxis II test	Summer/Fall 2024	Summer/Fall 2025	Summer/Fall 2026
PLCs	Fall 2024 - Spring 2025	Fall 2025 - Spring 2026	Fall 2026 - Spring 2027

## How do I apply?

- Please complete the online application [form](#)
- Ask an administrator, supervisor, MLL coordinator, or EL/MLL teacher to complete the recommendation [form](#)
- Deadlines:
  - **February 10**: early deadline for applications
  - **February 27**: final deadline for applications
  - Successful applicants will be invited to complete a consent form and confirm participation. Please complete the form within 10 days of receipt.
  - Mid-March: participants will be randomly assigned to Cohort 1, 2, or 3.

## How do I find more information?

- Attend a webinar! Register for one of the three sessions below:
  - [Tuesday, January 17th at 4pm](#)
  - [Thursday, January 26th at 5pm](#)
  - [Tuesday, January 31st at 7pm](#)
- Contact Jamie Forrest, Project DELITE Program Manager at [jforrest@udel.edu](mailto:jforrest@udel.edu) or by phone at (302)-831-0595
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***Are you a Delaware educator or paraeducator working with multilingual learners (English learners)?  
Would you like to support your students' language development and success across the curriculum?***

***Apply now for Project DELITE to earn your EL Teacher Certification at no cost to you!***