

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLYING TO THE UD/MILFORD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

The UD/Milford PDS is a partnership between the University of Delaware and the Milford School District. Working collaboratively, these institutions provide a challenging and quality option to traditional teacher preparation programs. With an emphasis on field experiences, this program provides students with two years of internships while completing required courses. Students come to the program during their junior and senior years to complete their BSED Degree and participate in internships. Students can submit an application to this program anytime during the freshmen and first semester of the sophomore years. Please follow these steps when applying to the UD/Milford PDS.

1. Complete the attached application including responding to the three questions and return it electronically to Dr. Laurie A. Palmer – lpalmer@udel.edu.
2. Obtain two professional recommendations. These can be from teachers, professors, cooperating teachers, or employers. These should not be personal recommendations from friends or family, but from individuals who can speak to your work as a teacher, your work ethic, or your work with children. Please provide a recommendation form to each of your references, completing the top of the form prior to giving it to your reference. The form is attached. Please have your reference send the completed form directly to:
Dr. Laurie A. Palmer
UD/Milford PDS
310 Lovers Lane
Milford, DE 19901
3. Applications can be submitted anytime up until December 1st of your sophomore year. Applications will be accepted after this date if there is room in the program. Recommendation forms should be received at the PDS by January 5th of the sophomore year. Recommendation forms will be reviewed if received after this date if there is still room in the program. Both the application and recommendation forms must be received to be considered for admission to this program.

Please contact Dr. Palmer at 302-424-6461 or lpalmer@udel.edu if you have any questions.



**Southern Delaware Elementary Teacher Education Program
University of Delaware/Milford School District
Professional Development School
Student Intern Application**

Name _____ Date _____

Student ID Number _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Students join a cohort group in the fall of their junior year. Please indicate your intended start date at the UD/Milford PDS. Fall 20_____

Have you passed the Praxis I exams ? _____ yes _____ no

Please answer the following questions and return them with your application. These will be used as part of the admission process and will be evaluated for quality of the response and writing abilities.

1. How did you hear about the Milford Professional Development School?
2. Why do you want to be a teacher?
3. The Milford Professional Development School is a rigorous program that includes intensive course work and field experience during the final two years of your teacher education program. Why are you the ideal candidate for this program? Describe your personal and academic attributes that make you a likely candidate.

Submit your application and essay answers electronically to:

Dr. Laurie A. Palmer, Director
lpalmer@udel.edu



Southern Delaware Elementary Teacher Education Program
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Recommendation Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Student ID: _____

APPLICANT EVALUATION

Please rate the applicant on the following attributes based on your work with him/her.

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Information
Cooperation					
Initiative/ Motivation					
Self-Confidence					
Leadership Skills					
Responsibility					
Perseverance					
Integrity					
Tolerance for Others					
Maturity					
Creativity					
Writing Ability					
Speaking Ability					
Ability to Work with Others					
Professionalism					
Attendance/Punctuality					
Completion of Work					

I have known the applicant for ____ years ____ months.

During this time, the applicant was a/an ____ employee ____ student ____ other ____

My recommendation for this applicant is: ___ very strong ___ strong ___ average ___ below average

Respondent Name _____ **Title** _____

Place of Employment _____

E-mail Address _____

Please feel free to attach additional comments. Please return to Laurie A. Palmer, UD/Milford PDS, 310 Lovers Lane, Milford, DE 19963 or send it electronically to lpalmer@udel.edu.

