



What is the Bachelor of Science in Education?

The Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) program is a two-year program leading to elementary teacher (K-6) certification and special education certification. The BSE builds on an associate degree in elementary education.

How does the BSE work?

After completing an associate degree in elementary education, the first year of the BSE program includes coursework in elementary education theories, special education instruction, and methods of teaching. During this time, students will be actively engaged in a clinical placement in an elementary classroom part-time. During the second-year of the BSE program, students will participate in a full-time year-long teacher residency and work alongside a veteran teacher in a partner school for the entire school year. A weekly seminar will accompany the residency.

Am I eligible for the BSE program at Delaware Tech?

To apply to the BSE program with competitive admission, students must first complete an associate degree in elementary education with a minimum GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale. Priority will be given to applicants with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Acceptance to the BSE program is not guaranteed. See Student Information for BSE Competitive Admission for more details.

Do I enroll in the BSE program my freshman year?

No. You first enroll in the associate degree in elementary education. When the associate degree is completed, you can apply to the BSE to complete your education and meet Delaware teacher certification requirements

What grades will I be certified to teach?

After completing the bachelor's degree, you will earn dual certification to teach grades K-6 and special education.

Will any associate degree meet the requirements for admission into the BSE program?

No. You must have earned an associate degree in elementary education from an accredited college/university.

What if I earned an associate degree in another area such as Early Childhood Education?

If you earned an associate degree in another area such as ECE, you could complete additional courses needed for the associate degree in elementary education. Once the associate degree in elementary education has been completed, you could apply to the BSE program.

Will I receive classroom experience while enrolled in the program?

Yes, classroom experiences are an integral part of the program. You will regularly participate in elementary settings throughout the program and complete a year-long teacher residency at the end of your program.

What is a teacher residency?

Unlike traditional teacher preparation programs which require student teaching placements for a minimal time, a teacher residency gives the aspiring teacher the opportunity to work alongside a veteran teacher for a full school year. The residency begins before the children arrive on their first day of school and continues through the school year.

Can I apply to the BSE program prior to completing my associate degree in elementary education?

Yes, you may apply to the BSE program the semester you anticipate completing your associate degree in elementary education.

Can I complete all BSE courses online?

While many courses can be completed online, some courses may only be available in a classroom setting at the Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown campuses.

Do I have to be a full-time student in the BSE program?

The courses in the BSE program can be completed as a part-time student. However, the teacher residency requires a full-time commitment. As a resident, you will follow your classroom teacher's daily schedule Monday through Friday throughout the school year.

How long will the program take to complete?

After earning an associate degree, a full-time student can complete the BSE courses in two semesters (fall and spring) and complete the teacher residency the following school year, so the BSE can be completed in two years.

Can I use SEED to pay for the BSE program?

Yes, we know college tuition doesn't always fit into every budget, and finances sometimes keep good students from going to college. That's why the SEED (Student Excellence Equals Degree) Scholarship program was established. The SEED scholarship can be applied to an associate degree, bachelor's degree, or workforce training program at Delaware Tech. The free tuition can be applied to five years of courses (paying for a full associate degree and one additional year toward a bachelor's degree).

To learn more about SEED and other ways to pay for college, please visit:

[Admissions & Financial Aid | Delaware Technical Community College \(dtcc.edu\)](https://www.dtcc.edu/admissions-financial-aid)