

Education & Healthcare

Delaware: Where universities, researchers and hospitals drive innovation and shape the economy.

As one of the nation’s prominent leaders in knowledge creation and research and development, it’s no surprise that Delaware is home to strong education and healthcare industry clusters. Delaware’s expertise in research and development is supported by the collaborations of its academic institutions, health systems and private and public partners – not to mention its top-tier workforce of professors, engineers, scientists, physicians. In fact, Delaware has the fifth highest concentration of employed Ph.D.s in health, science, and engineering in the nation.

Delaware is at the frontline of health and technology innovation. The University of Delaware boasts the 272-acre Science, Technology and Advanced Research (STAR) Campus. The STAR Campus brings together basic and applied research, academics and innovative business enterprises, including Fortune 500 companies, in one location. It is home to both the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL) and the FinTech Innovation Hub, premier examples of these types of partnerships.

And the state’s dynamic health systems advance the future of healthcare, from ChristianaCare’s Gene Editing Institute to the Dan and Susan Katzin Diagnostic and Research PET/MRI Center at Nemours/Alfred I. du Pont Hospital for Children.



“The smallness of Delaware actually makes for easier partnerships and a unity of focus when it matters most. People and businesses want to come here because they see a really thoughtful talent pool that is loyal to the community they’re in and want to be successful.”
– Dr. Tony Allen
President
Delaware State University



Key Facts

1% Delaware’s largest health system, ChristianaCare, ranks in the top 1% of all U.S. hospitals, according to Healthgrades.

100 There are more than 100 colleges and universities within a two-hour radius of Delaware.

3rd Delaware State University ranks #3 among America’s historically black public colleges and universities according to U.S. News and World Report (2023)

 The University of Delaware, the state’s largest, is a Tier 1 research and teaching institution.

 Delaware boasts a robust network of technical education, including college, vocational training, trade and certificate programs.

Why Delaware?



"Strong partnerships allow us to work together to train the next generation of innovative healthcare leaders. A huge advantage we have in Delaware is that students get to engage with leaders throughout the state from the very beginning of their clinical training."

-Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH
President and CEO
ChristianaCare



"Our mission is to provide a high-quality workforce for local business and industry."

- Dr. Mark Brainard
President
Delaware Technical and
Community College

Notable Employers



Industry Drivers

- ChristianaCare Gene Editing Institute
- Delaware Department of Education
- Delaware Pathways
- Delaware State University
- Delaware Technical Community College
- Goldey Beacom College
- Katzin Diagnostic & Research PET/MRI Center
- Nemours/Alfred I. du Pont Hospital for Children
- University of Delaware
- Delaware Law School
- Wilmington University
- Zip Code Wilmington

About DPP

Delaware Prosperity Partnership leads Delaware's economic development efforts to attract, grow and retain businesses; to build a stronger entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem; and to support private employers in identifying, recruiting and developing talent.

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