

The 2016 Exemplary K-12 Partnerships
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The overarching goals of the UTeach program at the University of Texas are to prepare high-quality, long-term STEM teachers, to help transform novice teachers into expert teachers, and to enhance STEM education through partnerships at all levels

As pre-service teachers, UTeach students are provided early and ongoing field experiences that allow them to develop teaching proficiency. UTeach students receive intensive coaching and constructive feedback about their lesson development and instructional practices from UTeach Master Teachers and Mentor Teachers working at the Austin-area campuses. The program has developed excellent working partnerships between UT and K-12 schools in the Austin area. The UTeach Induction program extends the support provided during a UTeach student's undergraduate education and supplements any efforts in place by the campuses where they work. More information can be found at <https://alumni.uteach.utexas.edu>

UTeach Professional Development is delivered by members of the nationwide network of UTeach programs and partners. The UTeach teacher preparation program's expertise in STEM education assures that in-service teachers receive the best professional learning possible. UTeach customizes professional development solutions for individual districts, schools, and teachers, with the belief that teachers are intellectuals who are eager to improve their practice.

UTeach has developed a program of online professional learning designed for in-service teachers called the Academy of Innovative Teaching and Learning. The Academy provides online and on-demand courses that address topics repeatedly requested by teachers and administrators. The courses have been created by Master Teachers and vetted by university faculty and practicing teachers. All of the courses are aligned to the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS), which focuses on providing continuous, timely, and formative feedback to educators. More information can be found at <https://pd.uteach.utexas.edu>