

Rutgers University-Newark

Urban Teacher Education Program, Rutgers University-Newark



Rutgers University-Newark (RU-N) is an urban, public research university renowned for the extraordinary racial, ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity of our student body, which, for generations, has made this a place where opportunity meets excellence. As our students come from over one hundred countries, their voices fill classrooms with global concerns and solutions. We have deep connections with the citizens and institutions of Newark—the largest city in New Jersey and its cultural capital—as well as surrounding communities. This is a center of innovation at a crossroad of teaching, research, and reciprocal community engagement. All of the great challenges facing our rapidly urbanizing and diversifying world can be found in our region—as well as all of the assets needed to take on those challenges.

Housed in the Department of Urban Education of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark, the Urban Teacher Education Program (UTEP) is a 30-credit course of study for undergraduate students, which leads to a New Jersey State Teacher Certification in secondary education. Through its rich curriculum, principles of teaching, and authentic field experiences, UTEP prepares critical, reflective teachers who are passionate about teaching in racially, ethnically, economically, and linguistically diverse schools. UTEP features individualized advisement and small classes. Its teacher candidates learn to work with their students to create innovative learning environments consistent with state and national curriculum standards. UTEP graduates are problem-solvers and, in turn, prepare their students for college and careers in a global, digital society. Graduates readily find teaching opportunities in a wide range of settings.

In its continuing initiatives to prepare teachers for the 21st century, UTEP secured a grant from the United States Department of Education to expand its offerings and reach. Now, in partnership with Jersey City Public Schools and Liberty Science Center, non-profit science museum dedicated to bringing the excitement, power, and promise of science and technology to people of all ages, *Excite and Ignite: Building the Next Generation of Teachers* (NextGen) provides specialized resources from the world of informal science education for students seeking teaching certification in a STEM field—science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. This transformative partnership prepares future teachers with a deeper understanding of science and engineering practices and to teach STEM fields with a broader repertoire of hands-on, minds-on instructional strategies. Moreover, all UTEP teacher candidates participate in a yearlong clinical experience and receive support during their first two years of teaching.

UTEP is fully accredited by Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

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