



Application

Fall 2025

Application Opens

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Application Closes

Monday, April 14, 2025

The STEP UP program provides a year-long mentorship program where teacher candidates spend one day per week at their P-12 classroom in the first semester, then stay in that same classroom for their student teaching semester.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The STEP-UP program provides:

- An immersive and intensive teaching experience designed and implemented by university faculty and district educators,
- Co-teaching opportunities with carefully selected mentor teachers throughout the year-long experience,
- Engagement with university faculty to discuss connections between theory and practice,
- Opportunities to experience a variety of school activities over the school year, participating in all aspects of school life, including in-service training, faculty meetings, and ARD meetings,
- District onboarding to prepare candidates for the expectations, policies, and procedures of the district, in advance of job interviews and the possibility for early hire in the district.

REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for the Fall 2025 cohort must be:

- Admitted into the UTRGV Teacher Preparation program
- Eligible to student teach in Spring 2026
- At a 3.0 or higher GPA
- In the elementary teacher program or secondary program per district need
- Selected through an application and interview process

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