UTeach is an innovative university-based teacher preparation program working to increase the number of qualified STEM teachers in U.S. secondary schools. STEM majors earn a secondary teaching certification without adding time or cost to their four-year degree.

- 73% of graduates enter teaching in K–12 education.
- 79% of graduates are currently teaching in the Rio Grande Valley, and 98% are currently teaching in Texas.
- 91% of graduates are from under-represented populations in STEM.

- 13 school districts have employed multiple UTeach RGV graduates, with 4 districts employing a dozen or more.
- 76% of graduates teach in schools with a majority of economically disadvantaged students.

2017–2018 enrollment: 436 students

UTeach RGV students are teaching in the K–12 classrooms of 200+ local mentor teachers.
An independent research study found that secondary students of UTeach graduates gain an additional 4 months of learning in math and 5.7 months in science.

“Through field experience and student interactions with UTeach, a great foundation was laid out for me to confidently run my own classroom. It is an honor being entrusted to mentor future graduates by sharing my own experiences and seeing them grow as teachers.”

Alumni Spotlight
Amber Rodriguez
2017 UTeach Conference Opening Plenary Speaker

“A UTeach study found significant advantages for students of UTeach graduates of around 9 months of schooling in both Algebra I and Biology for Gifted students, and 5 months of schooling in Biology for Economically Disadvantaged and Hispanic students.

“All of what I have created and will continue to create, my love for education, and my continued desire to expand mathematical thinkers, is thanks to UTeach.”

Alumni Spotlight
Stephanie Soto
IDEA Math Camps Organizer for more than 70 middle school students

“The UTeach program is truly developing some exceptional teachers!”

Cynthia Olivarez, Dean of Instruction at McAllen High School, which employs 10 UTeach RGV alumni