

Replicating the UTeach Model for 10 Years: Where We Are and What We Have Learned

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The UTeach model of secondary STEM teacher preparation has been identified as an exemplar by divergent sides of the political and education research spectrum and is currently being replicated at 44 institutions nationwide. Established in 1997 at the University of Texas at Austin, UTeach currently has over 600 associated faculty members and on the order of 7000 students enrolled, and is approaching 1000 graduates from UT Austin alone. The model brings together collaborators from education, natural sciences, and engineering to provide STEM-based teacher training featuring early and frequent field teaching experiences supported by master classroom teachers and education researchers. UTeach has proven successful in Texas in terms of both teacher retention and teacher quality. Nevertheless, the process of replication has provided many opportunities for reflection and development, beyond the simple growth in numbers.