The undergraduate certification program begins the summer before your senior year at UT. Alongside your new cohort of aspiring educators, you will take two summer classes and participate in a full-time, paid internship as a teacher at Breakthrough Austin.

Through the UTeach Urban Teachers (UTUT) partnership with Breakthrough Austin, your first field experience will be leading your own small class of middle school students who are working to become the first in their families to graduate from college.

Frequently Asked Questions about UTUT + Breakthrough

The Breakthrough Austin website says I have to apply to be a Breakthrough teacher. When should I do that? Now?
After you are conditionally accepted to the UTUT program, you will receive an email with instructions and a link just for UTUT students. Use only that link. You will apply and interview with Breakthrough before being fully accepted to the UTUT program.

How much do I get paid?
The stipend is $2000, with the possibility of an additional grant. Usually, fieldwork for teacher preparation is just part of coursework, an investment of time toward your career.

Can I work somewhere else this summer also?
Your schedule will be packed.

Can I miss a few days to go on vacation?
Plan to be present every day, June 2 – August 12.

How can I be a full-time Breakthrough teacher and a full-time UT student?
The summer is an intensive start to your teaching career and requires a considerable commitment of your time and energy, and some planning ahead. We have carefully designed the course meetings to include some extended days and Saturday instruction.

Is every Breakthrough teacher a UTUT student?
No. Most Breakthrough teachers are not UTUT students and will not be balancing the coursework element, or working toward a teaching certificate. The summer experience for UTUT students is richer and more intense than for other Breakthrough teachers.

In the words of a UTUT student
“When you start UTUT with Breakthrough, even if you don’t walk in feeling like a teacher, you will almost assuredly walk out as one. You will be motivated to work harder than you ever have before, and the students will be the reason why you wake up every morning.”
Summer 2016 Timeline

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Important Dates UTUT + Breakthrough

April 13-15 & 18-22: Academic advising for continuing students
  - Be sure you understand UTUT course requirements for summer, fall, and spring!
April 18-29: Regular registration for summer session

June 2016 Dates

6/2: EDC 339E course begins (continues through 7/7)
6/6 - 6/17: Breakthrough begins with 2 weeks of Teacher Training
6/20: Breakthrough Teaching begins (continues through 7/29)

July 2016 Dates

7/7: EDC 339E course ends (Breakthrough teaching continues)
7/11: ALD 327 course begins (continues through 8/12)
7/29: Breakthrough Teaching ends

August 2016 Dates

8/1 - 8/5: Breakthrough wrap-up week
8/5: Breakthrough ends; (ALD 327 continues)
8/12: ALD 327 course ends