

## About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

## About the College of Education and Human Services

With a 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing an undergraduate or graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our student population;
- Flexible study for graduate students, including weekend, accelerated and Web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College's home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University's history.

## About the Center of Pedagogy

The Center of Pedagogy is charged with initiating and coordinating all aspects of teacher education. The Center's work is informed by the belief that public education is critical to creating and sustaining a political and social democracy.



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# Urban Teaching Academy

## Center of Pedagogy



## Preparing Excellent Teachers for Urban Schools



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## What is the Urban Teaching Academy?

The Urban Teaching Academy (UTA) is a specialized strand in the teacher education program that is designed to prepare and support teaching candidates who make a commitment to teach in urban schools. The UTA was developed to enrich the University's ability to recruit, educate and support excellent urban teachers.

The UTA involves three key features:

- Inclusion of community-based field experiences;
- Intensive and well-supervised school-based field experiences;
- Explicit attention to teacher candidates' beliefs about race, culture, and social justice.

Students will study and conduct their fieldwork experiences in cohorts. Specific sections of courses in the professional sequence help UTA students form a community in which they can develop the knowledge and understanding necessary for successful urban teaching and learning.

In addition, the UTA has established partnerships with several school sites that collaborate fully in the education of new teachers.

## Who may participate in the Urban Teaching Academy?

The UTA is open to undergraduate and graduate students at Montclair State University who are preparing to teach any subject on any level (P-12), and who have been admitted to the Teacher Education Program. Students may apply to the Teacher Education and UTA programs at the same time.

## What's different about the Urban Teaching Academy?

- Coursework for UTA students has a focus on coming to know urban young people, their families, communities, and schools.
- In addition to participating in fieldwork and student teaching in an urban setting, students in the UTA are involved in a community internship, working with community-based organizations and institutions in an urban setting.

- Students in the UTA belong to a small, supportive learning community. They take UTA courses as a cohort, participate in their internships and fieldwork in cooperative groups, and collaborate on projects throughout the UTA program. The UTA faculty and staff provide students enriched advisement and support.
- Cooperating teachers, mentors, and community internship supervisors are carefully selected and work collaboratively with Montclair State faculty and staff to create the best possible learning situations for UTA participants.
- Mentors and cooperating teachers work closely with Montclair State faculty on curriculum design and school-based support.
- The program includes a ten-week summer program and monthly events.

## What are the students' responsibilities to the program?

Participants agree to participate in a professional sequence of courses that prepares them to teach in urban settings.

- Fieldwork/student teaching in urban schools
- Summer internship with community organization in an urban setting
- Participation in program events
- Cohort classes

### Contact Information:

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*"UTA opens doors that are ordinarily closed to someone like me. Without UTA, I would never have been able to obtain insights I now have into my future students, thanks to my time at Eva's Kitchen, the Boys and Girls Club, the "What's RIGHT with Urban Education" sessions, my observations at University High, and my work with the All Stars project."*

— Mark Sheridan  
UTA Student

## Application for Urban Teaching Academy

**Directions:** Complete application and attach typewritten essay.

**Required essay:** The Urban Teaching Academy is designed to help teacher candidates develop knowledge, skill, and dispositions that are most effective for educating young people in urban schools settings.

**In a brief essay (500 words or less), tell us about your commitment to teach in an urban school.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Certification \_\_\_\_\_

Specialization, if any, (e.g., music – vocal, instrumental)

### Submit Application and Essay to:

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