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Urban Teacher Education Program Information Session



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Students who have excellent teachers are more likely to:



Attend
college



Earn higher salaries



Save money for
retirement



Have stronger sense of
self-efficacy



Take on new
challenges

Currently, almost half of Chicago Public Schools teachers **leave in their first five years**, and the schools hit the hardest by teacher turnover serve predominantly low-income African American students.

“UTEP was founded on the assumption that a **high-quality education** is a critical lever to achieve social justice.”



UTEP Co-Founder
Kavita Kapadia Matsko

Guiding principles:

- ✓ Intellectually challenging
- ✓ Strives to develop professional community and collaboration as norms
- ✓ Vehicle for social justice and equity
- ✓ Emphasizes race, class, culture, and gender
- ✓ Clinically-based, theoretically supported
- ✓ Relies on evidence to inform instruction
- ✓ Values curricular depth; rooted in specific instructional systems
- ✓ Attends to context
- ✓ Emphasis on the whole student

Elementary (1-6) and Middle Grades (5-8) certification

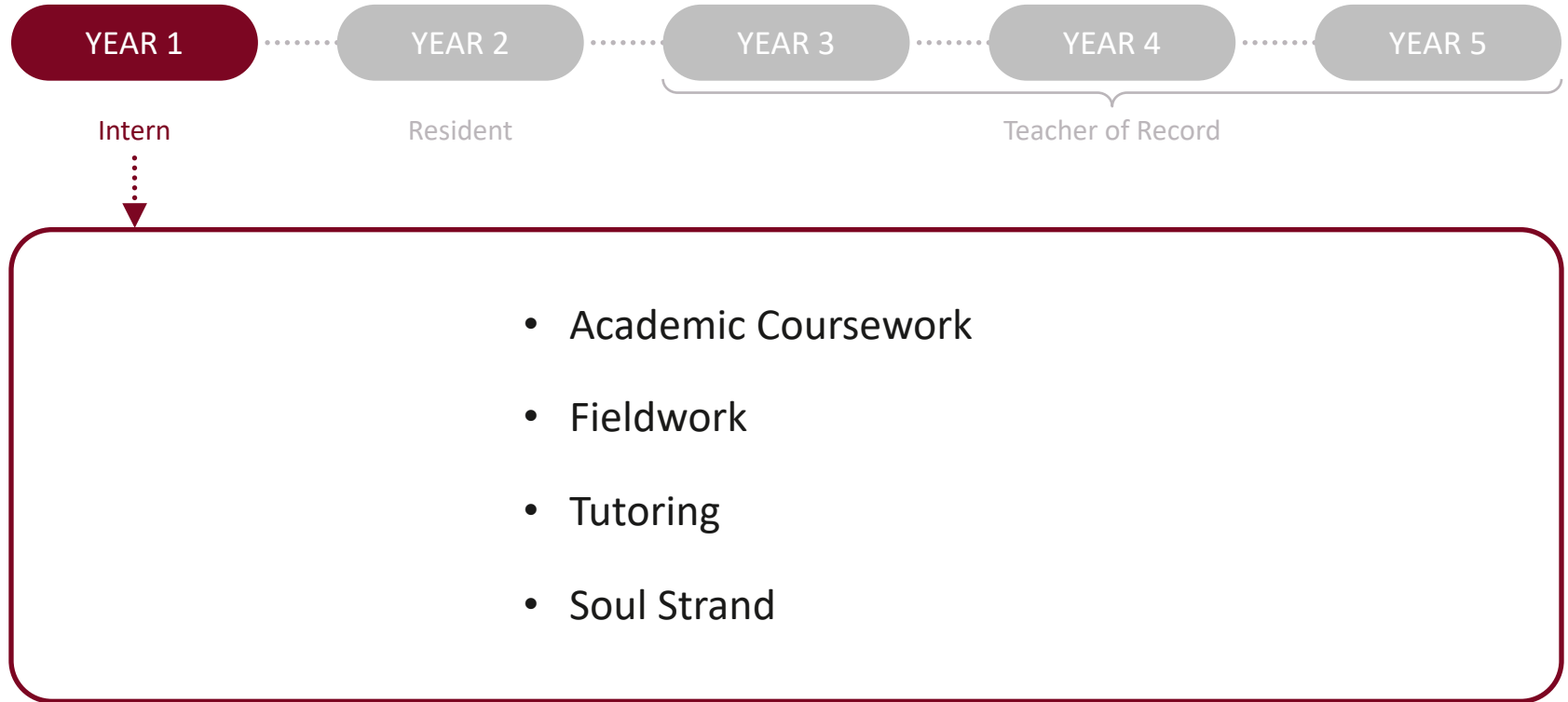


Illinois Initial Teaching Certificate

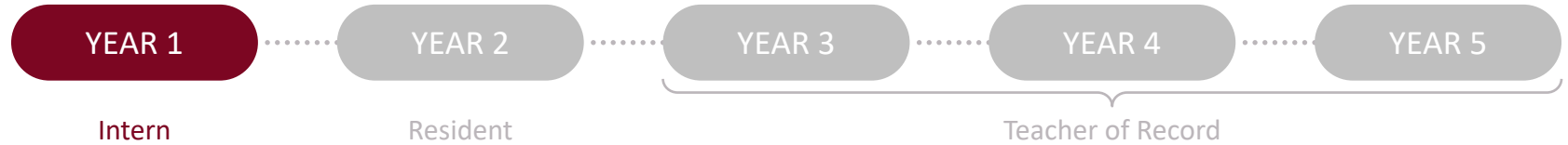


Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)*

A five-year experience



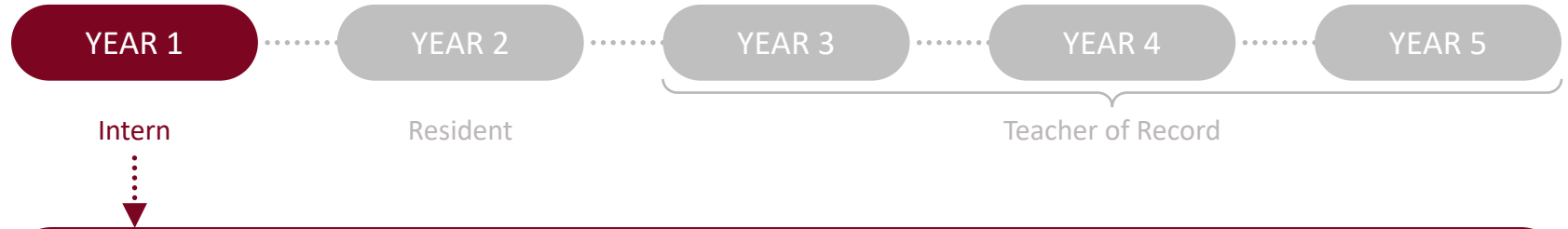
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SOUL STRAND

Immerses students in the cultural context in which they will be teaching — helping them get to know the communities in which they will serve while further developing their own sense of identity to become self-aware, reflective practitioners.

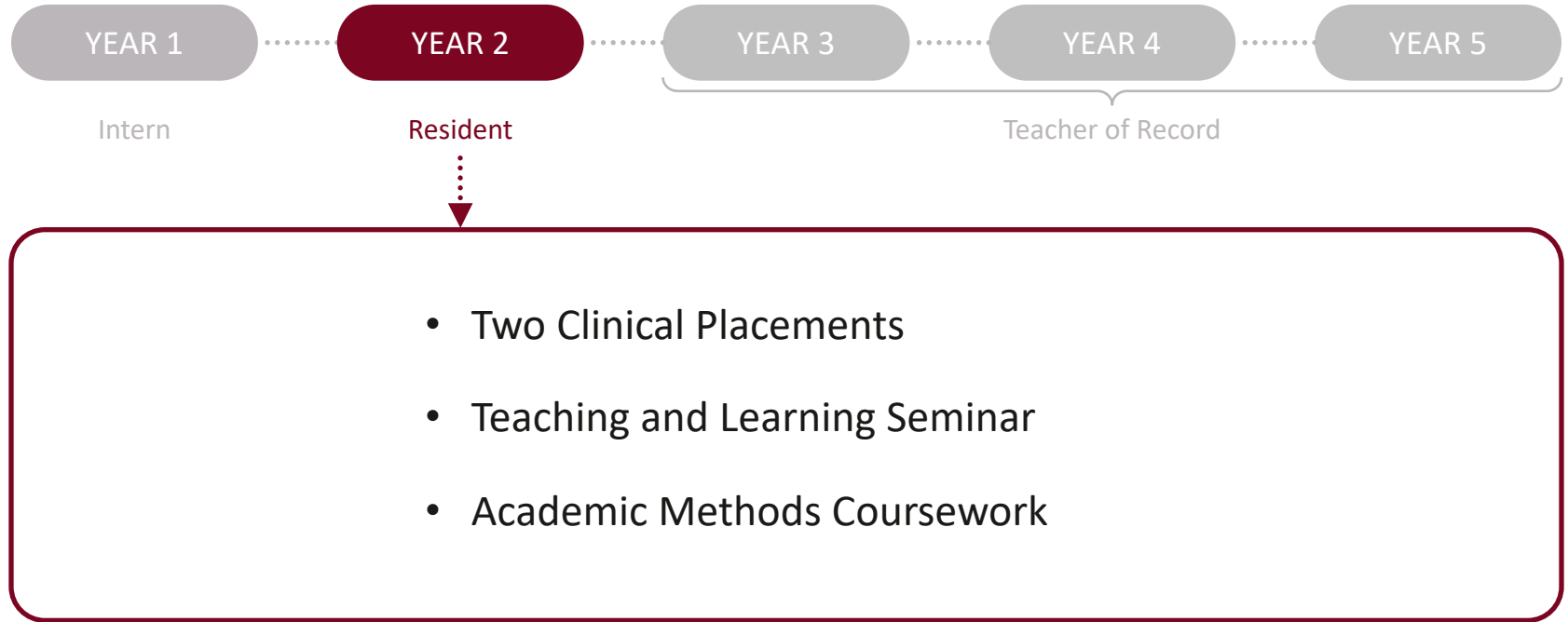
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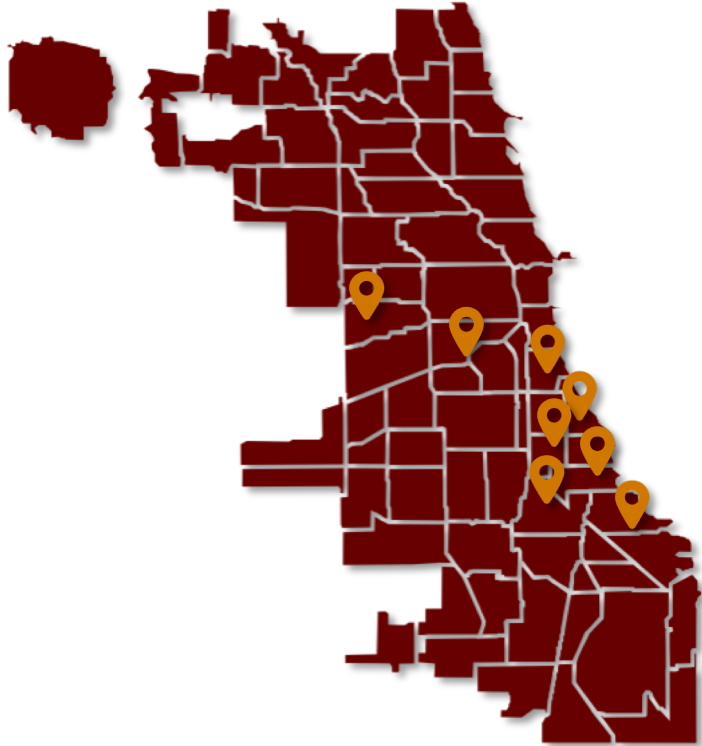
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS EXPERIENCE

Provides the opportunity for students to see and experience the knowledge, determination, and development of community from the perspectives of community members.

A five-year experience



Residents serve across Chicagoland



Residents are matched with mentor teachers throughout the city

Majority of placements are in neighborhood schools

Placements are based on where partnerships exist, the availability of mentor teachers, and the needs of the resident

Placing residents with alumni

50%

of residency placements in past two years were in CPS
classrooms led by UTEP graduates

A five-year experience



- Individualized Classroom Coaching
- First Year Induction Meetings
- Inquiry Groups

Program improvement since the founding of UTEP

Seamless integration of Soul Strand, Academic Strand, and Fieldwork Strand into Foundations seminar

Addition of trauma-based instruction focus and inclusion of LGBTQ and gender studies

Addition of ESL/Bilingual program for UTEP alumni and other CPS teachers

Addition of content and methods coursework in literacy, math, and science to meet new Illinois standards

Graduate history

312

Graduates of UTEP in first 14
years of the program

255

Elementary graduates

53

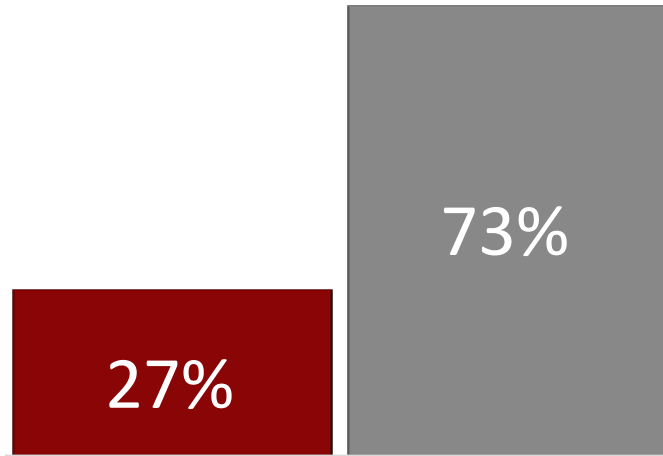
Secondary graduates

Diversity

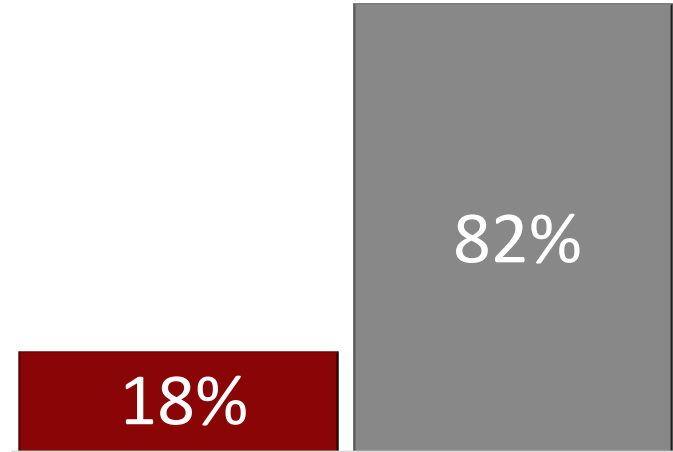
51%

Candidates of color in past 7 years

Diversity



Male Female
Percent of UTEP Elementary/Middle
School teachers



Male Female
Percent of US Elementary/Middle
School teachers (2011 Census)

Retention

92%

of UTEP graduates remain in
teaching after five years,
compared with 50% of
teachers nationally

20%

of UTEP graduates are in
leadership positions in CPS or
other urban schools

100%

hire rate of
UTEP graduates

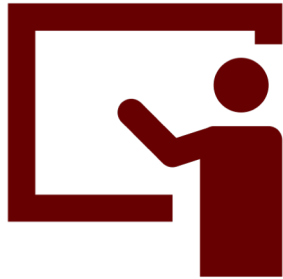
Continuing instruction

60%

of eligible UTEP graduates from the first 11 cohorts have
returned to become clinical instructors with UTEP

How we select our mentors

After recommendations from school administrators, other teachers, and UTEP staff, we look for mentors that:



Have taught a minimum of **3** years with **strong classroom management** and **strong lesson and unit planning skills**



Shares UTEP's philosophy of **teaching** and **social justice**



Willing to be **open about their own practice** and **be flexible** to allow residents to take risks with their own practice

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