Congratulations to our
UITE Graduates on their
New Teaching Positions!
Amber Frehner

The UITE prepared me by teaching me great classroom management strategies that I was later able to implement into my student teaching, and plan to implement in my future classroom.

“I got hired at Silver Hills Elementary in 1st grade.”
By having the opportunity to work in a diverse, low-income school for an entire year, I felt better prepared and more qualified than other candidates when applying and getting my first job. By seeing the entire year from start to finish I feel confident that I will be able to focus more on my teaching and students then worrying about the little stuff.

“I have been hired to teach 6th grade at Fox Hills Elementary.”
The student teaching program is one of the best tools to prepare you for your own classroom. The cooperating teachers and their grade level teams were so willing to answer questions and share ideas. Jumping in and being assertive, along with the observations and feedback provided by the university, will certainly help shape your career as an educator.

“I have been hired to teach 1st grade at Lakeview Academy.”
P. Grahame Sorensen

The UITE helped me prepare for the teaching profession in many ways; not only was I prepared to converse with colleagues and act as a teacher in a professional manner, but the way I think of the role of a teacher also was greatly impacted. A teacher does not just fill students' minds with information, but must account for individual needs and potential strengths. The teacher has the opportunity to build a community within the classroom and foster a positive learning experience.

“I have been hired to teach Math at Wasatch Junior High.”
The UITE helped me prepare for the teaching profession in many ways. First and foremost the courses taken through the program prepared me to teach a variety of students and use different strategies to create engaging lessons. Once beginning my student teaching I was able to apply what I learned in my courses to my classroom. My student teaching experience made me well prepared to have my own classroom and use the skills I learned.

“I have been hired to teach kindergarten at Howard R. Driggs Elementary.”
Julia Cramer

UITE prepared me for teaching at Kennedy through practical application of teaching methodology. Through hands-on experiences, I developed my own teaching style using knowledge of my content and newly gained knowledge of classroom management, content and activity-based learning. I had many classes pertaining to teaching minority students who are often at risk for not graduating. UITE gave me an advantage in finding a teaching job through ESL licensure as well as attaining highly qualified status.

“I have been hired to teach French at Kennedy Junior High.”
Emily Jones

UI Te helped me prepare to be a teacher first by giving me endless support and encouragement. The professors are amazing and always willing to help with any questions or concerns I may have had. UI Te is a great program to learn about student diversity, classroom management, and how to find your “teacher self” when you get to student teaching. My cohort of fellow graduate students were my life raft. They encouraged and supported me during my best and worst times. Lean on your fellow cohorts as much as you can! They are your network to ideas and avenues of education that you can use in your own pedagogy.

“I have been hired to teach 9th and 10th grade at Kearns High School.”
Steven Moss

UITE has prepared me to work hard through challenging situations and become more emotionally fit to take on the rigorous demands of a teaching career. UI TE has also helped me become more aware of how to accommodate different learners in a classroom while still upholding expectations for high-academic performance.

“I got hired to teach at Duchesne High School.”
The UITE program helped me immensely. I learned how important it was to get to know your students and develop positive relationships with them—the more you know your students, the better you can teach them. I met so many great professors. John Funk was my cohort leader, not only did he become a friend, but I learned more about teaching from him than I could have from anyone else. Without this UITE program, I wouldn't have met all of these influential teachers who shared invaluable experience and information with me. The program provided me with the knowledge I need to be prepared to teach and connect to any student I will come across. I am so glad that I was accepted into the program because it helped to shape my future.

“I have been hired to teach 5th grade at Lincoln Elementary.”
Kory Crockett

The UITE prepared me to teach with an emphasis of technology to a diverse classroom by adjusting my teaching to meet the various needs of my students.

“I have been hired to teach Social Studies at Mount Jordan Middle School.”
Lia Smith

UITE prepared me for the teaching profession by giving me an worthwhile student teaching experience. The opportunity to student teach in an urban school district was so enlightening as to who I want to be as a teacher. I was paired with a great mentor teacher and supervisors that helped me see into the day to day tasks of lesson planning, test generation, classroom management, and community interaction that will be priceless in the years to come.

“I have been hired to teach Math at Northwest Middle School.”
Kristen Bay

“I have been hired to teach 3rd grade at Oakwood Elementary.”

The UITE program really prepared me for this position by providing many useful courses. I feel as though the courses I took at the U really helped me and I was able to apply what I learned during my student teaching.
Lindsay Buehner

“I have been hired to teach 4th grade at Plymouth Elementary.”

The UITE prepared me for my teaching preparation by helping me see that I am capable of changing the lives of children. I developed into a teacher who sees the importance of diversity in the classroom. The professors within the UITE have a love for teaching and in return gave me that love. I am so excited to start teaching in the Fall!
Megan Carpenter

The UITE program prepared me for the teaching profession by teaching me teamwork and how to be flexible. This program has given me skills that I can use every day with my students.

“I have been hired to teach 5th grade at Alta View Elementary.”
Alyson Miller

“UITE prepared me for the teaching profession by providing me with a diverse education. I learned about multicultural, special and regular education. I feel that I have been given the tools to teach a wide variety of students with engaging lessons that the students will both enjoy and learn from. UITE has also prepared me for the teaching profession by teaching me how to be a professional; to look and sound like a teacher. I feel prepared to teach in my own classroom because I have had a lot of practice in a variety of classrooms with a variety of students. I have been given many strategies for how to teach the Utah Core Standards and how to teach students to be good citizens in and outside of the classroom.

“I have been hired to teach at Parkview Elementary.”
Haley Haymond

The program prepared me by giving me countless opportunities to be in a classroom and a very supportive staff that truly cared about my education. This gives me more confidence going into my first year of teaching.

“I have been hired to teach at Twin Peaks Elementary.”
Courtney Wright

“UITE prepared me for a career in teaching by giving me resources and experiences to work in our schools today. The program allowed me to consider the diversity and reality of the job ahead of me. I feel that I have an advantage as a first year teacher coming out of the UITE program because of all the opportunities and advice that I have been given in college.”

“I have been hired to teach 3rd grade at Academy Park Elementary.”
Brittnee Hinton

The UITE prepared me for my first year of teaching by giving me so much time in the classroom; other student teachers I've talked to had mere weeks in the classroom. Having frequent observations from my cohort leader and other professionals also helped me to feel prepared. Their advice helped me to be reflective and grow as an educator.

“I have been hired to teach 5th grade at Westbrook Elementary.”
The education program at the University of Utah was instrumental in preparing me to teach. I love how the program pairs aspiring teachers with a mentor teacher and that you get to student teach for the entire school year with the same class. This was a great way to get hands on experience and learn how to be an effective teacher. There were also some amazing professors who are master teachers themselves and really care about the teaching profession. They were always willing to give advice and genuinely cared about how we were doing.

“I have been hired to teach 6th grade at Lincoln Elementary.”
Megan Hatch

The UITE prepared me for success by providing me with the necessary knowledge and experience to become a quality first year teacher. The UITE went above and beyond by integrating an ESL Endorsement into the program as well as teaching good interview techniques, both by which made the graduates of the UITE more desirable than other candidates. The UITE provided quality teachers and mentors that were dedicated to teaching and truly supported their students in every possible way.

“I have been hired to teach 1st grade at Hawthorn Academy.”
Jessica Adams

The UITE Program prepared me to enter the classroom by teaching me how to recognize the individual needs of my students and how best to differentiate my instruction for their needs. Our students in Granite District, especially those in Title 1 schools like mine, come from all walks of life and they all bring something unique to the classroom. Figuring out where their strengths/interests lie and then using those to drive instruction make learning more fun and meaningful for both the students and myself. I want my students to love learning, and that’s what my time at UITE taught me to do.

“I have been hired to teach 2nd grade at Academy Park Elementary.”
The UITE program has given me the opportunity to practice the most effective, researched instructional strategies in a diverse classroom. It has also helped me to develop essential skills, such as classroom management and planning, which will encourage success for all of my students in the future.

“I have been hired to teach kindergarten at Crestview Elementary.”
The UITE program has given me the experience that I need to teach in a richly diverse community. I have learned about classroom management which will help me to teach my future students. I have been able to take what my professors have taught me and implement that knowledge into my teaching which will help me while I start my career as an educator in a Title I school.

PIONEER ELEMENTARY

“I have been hired to teach 4th grade at Pioneer Elementary.”
Blaine Van Leeuwen

The UITE program prepared me by placing me in the classroom as much as possible. I was able to see so many teachers around the valley and witness what it means to be a great teacher. The professors at the U genuinely care for your success and the success of the students you student teach.

“I have been hired to teach at Tiefort View Intermediate School in Fort Irwin, California.”
Samantha Kolesky

“I have been hired to teach at East High.”

UTIE did an amazing job at connecting me with a network of professionals, I was able to get experience working with a diverse population while receiving support from the best.
Erika Williams

UTE prepared me to teach through their amazing student teaching program. It was so important to be able to be in the classroom from the beginning of the year with a highly experienced mentor teacher. Many programs do not offer this kind of experience. I also loved that the ESL Endorsement is a required part of the program. Utah's schools are so diverse and need teachers who are prepared to teach diverse populations. I also felt like I had tremendous support from the teachers and faculty. They were so great about giving helpful feedback and making sure that I felt like could be a great teacher which I hope to be!

“I have been hired to teach 2nd grade at Westbrook Elementary.”
Lexi Farr

UITE taught me to know the importance of building positive relationships with my students and collaboration with my coworkers.

“I have been hired to teach math, and cheer at Olympus High.”
UITE prepared me by teaching me that collaboration can be a good thing. UITE put me in situations where collaboration was beneficial and I did not feel like I was doing all of the work or like I couldn't contribute. I was able to work with other pre-service teachers and grow with them in a way that I had never experienced before.

“I have been hired to teach at Valley Junior High.”
Amanda Hackmeister

UITE taught me to be more open minded, aware of new teaching practices, and educated me on the laws and policies involving education.

“I have been hired to teach Midvale Middle School.”