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UFTeach: A Partnership for Training Math and Science Teachers at the University of Florida¹

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The UTeach program at the University of Texas at Austin is justifiably acclaimed for its success in inspiring and training future middle and high school math and science teachers. The program operates on a simple premise: success in teaching a subject requires a mastery of its content with guided experience in classroom teaching. In 2007 the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), a non-profit dedicated to expanding proven math and science education programs, announced funding of 13 sites to replicate the UTeach program, including UFTeach at the University of Florida. In this talk I will give an overview of the UFTeach program, and share my experiences in partnering with the UF College of Education to establish a new math and science teacher education program.

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