

CHANGE THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL

The University of Texas - University Charter School (UT-UCS) is a K-12 public charter school district within The College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin.

Since its founding in 1998, UT-UCS has educated children most in need of stability as they enter intensive treatment and residential programs – including medical and psychiatric hospitals, foster care centers, substance abuse recovery programs, and others.

UT-UCS offers unique value to Texas students, families and partner facilities:

Individualized Student Learning

Our district specializes in meeting the educational needs of vulnerable youth in temporary placements. Campuses provide highly individualized, self-paced lessons in small classroom settings so that students can earn and recover credits, staying on track with their academics.

Highly Trained Teachers and Staff

Teachers have an average of 14+ years of teaching experience and hold multiple certifications, including special education. Teachers and staff are also trained in best practices in trauma-informed education, including the Neurosequential Model in Education (NME™), Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®), and Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

Experience and University-Level Expertise

UT-UCS operates as part of the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin. As a university-embedded public school district for more than 25 years, UT-UCS draws on the intellectual resources of the state's flagship institution of higher education.

Online Academic Programming

Students may continue through our free online high school program after they finish treatment or leave residential programs. This option is designed for students who want the support of UT-UCS while they focus on completing their coursework and earning credits, without the pressure of immediately returning to a traditional school setting.



Students and families should not have to choose between mental health care and quality education at a critical time in their lives."



DR. MELISSA M. CHAVEZ
Chief Executive Officer
UT Charter School System

PARTNERSHIPS

UT-UCS currently partners with 20 facilities across Texas, with clusters in Austin, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio. School campuses are located on-site at partner facilities, bringing education directly to students in need. These partnerships ensure that vulnerable children don't have to choose between accessing treatment and pursuing their education.



I love the partnership that we have with UT Charter at Cedar Crest.

The teaching staff on our campus provide the support and structure that our young folks need to change the trajectory of their lives.



BRADY SERAFIN
*Chief Executive Officer
 Cedar Crest Hospital &
 Residential Treatment Center*

Addressing Unique Student Needs

92%
 Student
 Mobility

With the temporary placement nature of partner facilities like Cedar Crest Hospital or Clearfork Academy, UT-UCS teachers and staff specialize in educating a highly mobile population. The district works with students to organize earned credits, move up to the next grade level, and plan for graduation.

41%
 Special
 Education

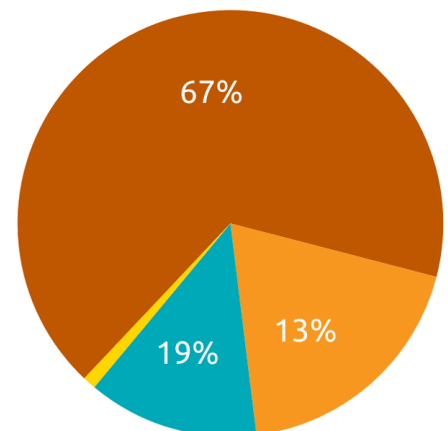
All UT-UCS teachers hold special education certification. As part of the UT Austin College of Education, UT-UCS also has access to cutting-edge best practices in educating students with special needs at our campuses such as Texas NeruoRehab Center or Nexus Neurorecovery Center.

32%
 Foster
 Care

UT-UCS has developed expertise meeting the educational needs of foster care children thanks to longstanding partnerships with leading Texas foster care centers – including The Settlement Home in Austin and Methodist Children’s Home in Waco.

UT-UCS Student Population by Partner Type

- Medical & Psychiatric Hospital
- Substance Abuse & Recovery
- Foster Care & Residential Treatment Center
- Other Specialized Facility



*2023-2024 school year

IMPACT

On Track To Educate 50,000 Texas Children

Since its founding in 1998, UT-UCS has educated nearly 50,000 children in kindergarten through 12th grade across the state of Texas.

2,123

Students served
in the 2023-24
school year

25,000+

High school credits
earned by UT-UCS
students

Maintaining Strong Partnerships

UT-UCS currently maintains partnerships with 20 facilities that provide intensive treatment and residential programs for children with specialized needs. The longevity of these partnerships is a testament to the success of the UT-UCS model.

13.5 years

Average age of a UT-UCS
and facility partnership.

100%

Of partners report being
Satisfied or Extremely
Satisfied with UT-UCS
educational services.

Training and Experience

UT-UCS educators are certified teachers in their subject areas. Most also hold additional certifications in Special Education or second subject areas. All of our teachers and staff are highly trained in trauma-informed best practices.

175

Teachers and staff
trained in trauma-
informed practices
every year.

14

Average years of
experience for UT-UCS
teachers.



UT Charter helped me graduate by providing me with a group of individuals who really cared about my success and helped me believe in myself again both academically and personally.



Yamilex Benitez
2023 UTUCS Graduate

CURRENT PARTNERS

Basepoint Mental Health Treatment Center (Arlington) A PHP and day-treatment program that provides youth with teen-centered, evidence-based mental-health treatment therapies for youth struggling with mental health disorders.

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Boysville (Converse) A residential program serving adolescents (grades 6-12) that provides a safe, structured family environment helping prevent and resolve social and emotional problems long term

Cedar Crest Hospital (Belton) An inpatient treatment program to help teens ages 12 through 17 who are struggling with emotional problems and substance abuse.

Clearfork Academy North (Fort Worth) A residential treatment program for adolescent males, between the ages of 13 and 18, who struggle with substance abuse or addiction and the accompanying mental health and behavior issues.

Clearfork Academy South (Cleburne) A residential treatment program purpose-built for adolescent females, between the ages of 13 and 18, who struggle with substance abuse or addiction and the accompanying mental health and behavior issues.

Dell Children's Medical Center (Austin) A partial hospitalization program for 13 to 17-year-olds with behavioral and mental health disorders who are cared for by a multidisciplinary team to meet the adolescent's physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs.

Georgetown Behavioral Health Center (Georgetown) An acute care psychiatric hospital providing 24-hour inpatient care for adolescents (ages 13-17) whose acute symptoms require a safe and therapeutic environment.

Helping Hand Home for Children (Austin) Provides a nurturing and therapeutic home for children (grades K-6) who have suffered severe abuse and neglect.

High Point (San Antonio) A Day-treatment program serving students (grades 1-12) with psychiatric, neuropsychiatric, sexual behavior and developmentally delayed issues.

Laurel Ridge (San Antonio) A residential treatment and hospital facility serving students (grades K-12) with psychiatric, neuropsychiatric, sexual behavior and developmentally delayed issues

Methodist Children's Home (Waco) A non-profit childcare ministry that services adolescents (grades 7-12) who are unable to live at home for various reasons.

Nexus Neurorecovery Center (The Woodlands) A medical model residential treatment center helping adolescents navigate simultaneous physical, mental, and behavioral health needs.

Olympia Hills Gymnastics (Buda) A gymnastics program for students (grades 4-9) who are participating at the elite level in competitive gymnastics.

Pathfinders Camp (Driftwood) A therapeutic camp that services emotionally disturbed and learning-disabled boys (grades 5-12) lacking skills necessary for successful community living.

Pathways 3H (Mountain Home) A residential wilderness program for pre-adolescent and adolescent boys (grades 6-12) with behavioral difficulties who may otherwise be headed to incarceration or therapeutic lockup.

Safe Haven Youth Ranch (Hempstead) A residential program that combines evidence-based trauma treatment interventions, 4-H youth development and individualized behavior skills training for youth who have experienced traumatic life events.

Settlement Home (Austin) A residential treatment center for girls (grades 6-12) who are in need of 24-hour therapeutic care.

SJRC Texas (Bulverde) A residential campus caring for children who have been affected by trauma, abuse and neglect.

Texas NeuroRehab Center (Austin) A medical facility that serves students (grades K-12) with brain injury, neuro-behavioral issues, and/or who are considered medically fragile.

**Please contact us to explore how partnering with
UT-University Charter School would benefit your organization.**

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