The University of Chicago Urban Teacher Education Program (UChicago UTEP) is a two-year master’s degree program that recruits and prepares candidates with strong undergraduate backgrounds and a commitment to educational equity to teach in underserved urban public schools. Its particular emphasis is preparing elementary teachers and secondary mathematics and biology teachers for the Chicago public schools. Undergraduate students can apply for the Joint BA/MAT Program during their third year in the College. Admitted students begin the joint degree program in their fourth year by taking a three-quarter Foundations of Education sequence (SOSC 25501-25502-25503 Schools and Communities; Human Development and Learning; Teaching and Learning in Urban Schools). These students then continue with a fifteen-month graduate program that includes substantial clinical work in local Chicago public schools, including the University of Chicago Charter School campuses. Offered through the program are master of arts in teaching degrees for elementary grades (grades K–8), high school mathematics (grades 6–12), and high school biology (grades 6–12). Graduates also receive state certification.

Students interested in UChicago UTEP should consult with Pete Segall, the BA/MA adviser, at 773.702.3750, psegall@uchicago.edu; and with Diane New-Hardy and Rhonda Roseboro, UChicago UTEP’s recruitment team. They can be reached at 773.702.6192 or recruit@utepchicago.org. Consultations should begin early in the second year so that all College requirements can be met.