Description: The Urban Teacher Preparation Academy (UTPA) was created to provide more highly effective teachers for Oklahoma City urban public schools. Its participants are current OU-JRCoE/TE+ students who have completed a considerable portion of their undergraduate studies and have expressed an interest in teaching in these high need urban schools. In return for the commitment UTPA participants make, the UTPA provides a specialized clinical experience, two years of additional induction support, unique learning experiences, and financial incentives.

Completed application must be received by:
October 1 (for fall internship) or
March 1 (for spring internship).

Candidates should apply one year prior to the semester in which they intend to complete the internship.

The following application materials must be received together:
1. Completed application (found on page 2 of this packet).
2. A one page maximum type-written statement describing:
   a. Why you want to participate in this program,
   b. What skills, knowledge, characteristic and experiences have prepared you for working with students from urban schools, and
   c. What you hope to gain from this experience.
3. An unofficial OU transcript
4. Three completed recommendation forms accompanied by three recommendation letters. Each form/letter combination must be in a sealed envelope with the reference person’s signature across the seal (form found on pages 3 and 4 of this packet). No recommendations from relatives are allowed.
5. A degree audit. This can be obtained from the Undergraduate Advising Office. Allow 24 hours for processing.

To submit the application in person:
Teresa K. DeBacker, Ph. D.
Associate Dean for Professional Education
Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
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To mail the application:
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University of Oklahoma
820 Van Vleet Oval
Norman, Oklahoma 73019-2041

Following review of applications, selected students will be invited for an interview.

Questions regarding the UTPA should be directed to
Dr. Teresa DeBacker (phone: 325.1275; email: debacker@ou.edu)
I am applying for internship in ☐ fall / ☐ spring of year: _____________.

Name: ___________________________________________ Student ID: ____________

Last Name       First Name       Middle Initial

Major: ___________________________________________ E-mail: ____________

Current Address: __________________________________________

Street Address       City       State       Zip Code

Phone: __________________________________________

Home Number       Cell Number       Other Contact Number

Date of Admission to Teacher Education: __________________________ GPA: ____________

Overall       Major

Recent Activities (high school, clubs, community involvement):

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Work Experience (paid and/or volunteer):

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Awards/Recognitions received:

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List the names of three references who will provide completed recommendation forms for you (make 3 copies of pages 3-4 and give to each of your references to complete). The reference forms must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from each person. Two of the three must be faculty members at OU. No relatives please.

Name: ___________________________________________ OU Department: ____________

Name: ___________________________________________ OU Department: ____________

Name: ___________________________________________ Position: ____________

I certify that the information on this application is accurate and complete, and I authorize the University of Oklahoma to maintain all records under my signed name, and I understand that all records and credentials of my application are property of OU.

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Application for UTPA Internship

Make 3 copies of this page and give one to each of your references.

Applicant’s Name:______________________________________________________________________________

Name of Reference:___________________________________________________________________________

The student whose name appears above has applied for admittance to OU’s Urban Teacher Preparation Academy. As a reference, you are asked to rate the students according to the following scale and write a letter of recommendation. Please be candid in your appraisal. Your responses will be strictly confidential.

Rating Scale:

**Outstanding**—The candidate demonstrates the quality to an extensive degree or in an exemplary way; the candidate currently exhibits the quality at the level of an experienced practitioner.

**Proficient**—The candidate demonstrates solid understanding and use of the quality; the candidate exhibits the quality at a level that suggested future success in applying the quality as an independent teacher.

**Developing**—The candidate demonstrates an evolving acquisition of the quality; the candidate exhibits the quality at the level of a novice who shows promise for future performance.

**Basic**—The candidate demonstrates fundamental knowledge of the quality, but lacks skill in implementation; the candidate exhibits the quality at the level of a novice who may be able to develop proficiency.

**Unsatisfactory**—The candidate demonstrates a lack of awareness or understanding of the quality; the candidate’s current knowledge, behaviors, and dispositions suggest he/she may fail to develop to the degree required.

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How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

Comments (optional):

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Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

Position: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________

*We also request that you write a letter of recommendation.*

*Please seal your completed form and letter in an envelope with the student’s name on the front of the envelope. Sign your name across the seal and return the envelope to the student.*