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UTSA WORKING TO FILL THE GAP FOR MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS IN HIGH-NEED SAN ANTONIO SCHOOLS

Math and Science Professionals Can Be Certified to Teach within 18 months

(San Antonio) – College graduates with a background in mathematics and the sciences who are interested in either a second career or a career change, can earn a middle school or high school level teaching certificate issued by the Texas State Board of Educator Certification through an innovative program now available at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Accelerated Teacher Education Program (A-TEP), offered by UTSA's Academy for Teacher Excellence (ATE) in the College of Education and Human Development, facilitates teacher preparation and the state certification process after only 18 months of preparation.

Currently, UTSA is recruiting candidates for the program's third class which begins in January, 2007. One hour information sessions are scheduled at the UTSA Downtown Campus Frio Street Building at 6 p.m. on September 6, 8 or 13 and at the UTSA 1604 Campus in the Main Building at 6 p.m. on September 14. Deadline to apply for the next class is October 10.

Individuals enrolled in A-TEP go to graduate school at UTSA for night classes, take weekend professional development workshops and participate in a paid internship as a classroom teacher.

A \$4,000 stipend is made available to help pay for books, tuition and related fees. In return, there is a commitment to teach math or science for three years in a high-need school district in San Antonio. UTSA's partner school districts include the Edgewood, Harlandale, San Antonio, South San Antonio, Southside, and Southwest ISDs.

ATE is funded by "Transition to Teaching" grants from the U.S. Department of Education. The UTSA program received \$1.6 million in 2004 and recently was awarded an additional \$1.5 million.

To register for an information session or to learn more, please call Karrie O'Neal at (210) 458-6170 or email ate@utsa.edu.