

INTRODUCTION TO SUTEC

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What is SUTEC?

We are the SUNY Urban Teacher Education Center and we provide opportunities for students from all over the state to student teach in New York City.

Do I have a choice of where I can student teach?

We try to make the trip from your house/dorm easy for you, but we cannot promise any particular school. Most of our schools are in Manhattan and the Bronx, but we have schools available in all parts of NYC. We attempt to use “partner” schools which welcome our students and provide a positive experience. No, you cannot go to your home school or any school where a relative is employed.

Who may come to the program?

Any student that is recommended by the field placement office and his/her department is usually accepted, unless we feel we cannot provide a positive experience, or there are no placements available in their field or in a particular geographic area.

Where can I live in New York?

We have some dormitory style apartments in Parkchester, Bronx. You can Google up the area and look at the apartments and the neighborhood. Our students love living there. It is a small community that is near subways, busses, shopping and restaurants. The cost is subsidized and currently is \$2,900 per semester and includes just about everything. This includes a non-refundable deposit of \$300, to be sent in with your application and a \$2,600 fee to be paid at the start of your residence.

There are also many other places we can recommend in NYC, depending on your budget. Many students stay with relatives or prior SUTEC'ers who have space to rent.

There is a list of some places our students have used at the end of the handout.

When will we learn about our placement?

We can generally let you know your school several weeks before you begin, but some principals like to wait until they see you to assign you to a teacher.

How can we reach you?

There is no question too minor or “silly” for me to answer and I love speaking to all of you.

I can be reached at 917-346-2932; I will return your call quickly. You can also call my assistant, Regina Anderson at 718-802-3337. She can also put you in touch with former SUTEC students who can give you lots of information about the experience and your subject.

Do students often leave the program?

We have rarely had a student who left or was asked to leave.

From time to time we have encountered a “home-sick” student, but few have left the program.

Will there be any changes from the program here at our home campus?

Yes, there will be some changes/modifications. SUTEC students often follow a teaching calendar that is somewhat different from that of the home campus since all our students must have the same start/end date for the first quarter. Requirements, for the EdTPA are understood by the NYC schools, therefore not a problem for our student teachers. We follow the Chancellors' Regulations while we are

guests of the city. You will be made aware of them during our orientation session before school starts.

Do we have to be fingerprinted?

Yes, Yes, Yes! There are several ways that can be done. Usually it is easiest to have them done early and transfer them to NYC. My assistant will send exact instructions. Regardless of how you do it, you will have to make a trip to 65 Court Street (in downtown Brooklyn) and ensure that the process is complete. If you have had any interaction with the police, please let us know so we can try to get the necessary approval to allow you to teach in NYC. Even students with sealed records have been pulled from the program, if it was not disclosed and approved before they began teaching.

In addition, you will have to register on the NYCDOE website, Regina Anderson will send you the instructions when the portal opens, you must complete this before you can teach. Please remember while you are in NYC, your home campus is SUTEC.

What about a job?

Right now, NYC has a growing need for teachers in all areas, so all the students who have wanted to work here have gotten jobs. We are also connecting to the growing number of charter schools that are very impressed by our students.

Housing Suggestions:

Only Parkchester is sponsored by SUTEC, but many of our students prefer to stay in other housing. You can investigate these options and we will assist in any way we can:

Women's Housing:

Markle House, West 13th Street
Webster House, West 34th Street
St. Mary's Residence, East 72nd Street

COED Housing:

Educational Housing Services (EHS)
InternNYC
92nd Street Y
International House

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