



# Penn Residency Master's in Teaching: Preparing the Next Generation of Outstanding Teachers



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Taft School is pleased to partner with the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education in offering aspiring teachers the opportunity to earn a Master's degree in education while completing teaching fellowships on our Watertown, Connecticut campus.

Taft is one of nine boarding schools currently collaborating with the University as part of the Penn Residency Master's in Teaching (PRMT) program. Built from the foundation up with the understanding that teacher training must be solidly grounded in both theory and practice, the program's innovative and comprehensive curriculum integrates intensive coursework on the Penn campus and that of the nine host schools; collaborative distance learning; teaching and faculty assignments at host schools.



## DEGREE

The PRMT program confers a Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.), and requires the completion of 10 course units over two years. Fellows complete an Inquiry Project and construct an online portfolio in their second year.

The program is specifically designed for new and aspiring teachers who are interested in furthering their education and pursuing a career with the nation's leading boarding schools. PRMT is designed to equip candidates with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the unique boarding school setting, provide a broad and rich understanding of theory and pedagogy, and lay the foundation for truly outstanding teaching. The program has a strong emphasis on practice and content knowledge, preparing graduates to enter the classroom and provide their students with an exceptional learning experience.

## OBJECTIVE

*The program prepares participants to be:*

- Outstanding teachers trained to meet the growing needs of a dynamic teaching landscape.
- Self-reflective professionals willing and able to develop strategies for studying and improving their own teaching.
- Leaders equipped to plan, build, and evaluate new curriculum and programs.



# Taft



## ABOUT TAFT

Taft sits on 226 acres of rolling hills, ponds, and historic buildings and venues in Watertown, Connecticut. Our location at the tip of Litchfield County offers easy access to the natural beauty and cultural riches that are the hallmarks of the region.

Taft is a place where faculty and staff members grow professionally, build strong personal relationships, and help shape the future, one student at a time. We consciously work to build a professional community that is diverse in perspectives, talents, backgrounds, and experiences, yet singular in its commitment to preparing young men and women for lives of consequence in an ever-changing and global community. We value rigor, and deliver it with heart.



## FACULTY

Classes are led on campus by faculty members at Taft, and by faculty members at each of the other partnering institutions, on their respective campuses. Fellows will be paired with mentors at their host schools and at the Graduate School of Education.

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