

# The Literacy First Student Tutors Program

## The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

A teacher preparation model designed to build "Day 1 effective" teachers and proficient readers in Grades K-1

### Inputs

Sounds-first, explicit phonics instruction (Literacy First Model)

Ongoing literacy training and coaching for tutors

Students are served **during the school day**

### Activities

Embedded fieldwork and coursework for future teachers

Weekly one-on-one coaching and one-on-one daily literacy tutoring

**130 hours** of structured tutoring per tutor

### Outputs

Strong preparation for future literacy teachers

Strengthened University-School partnerships

K-1 students served showing **adequate growth** in literacy

### Short-Term Goals

Increased confidence in skill and literacy instruction for future teachers

**Improved K-1 literacy scores** for all students served by UTC Student Tutors

### Long-Range Plans

Improved teacher readiness and hiring outcomes (impact on teacher pipeline)

Partnership expansion to add more school sites

**Reduced literacy gaps in early grades**

"Day 1 Effective" Teachers

Proficient Readers in Grades K-1

