

TEACHER EDUCATION CUSTOMER STORY

Improving the Quality of Teacher Education

Sumter County, Alabama ranks in the 10 lowest counties for average household income in the U.S. But it's also home to one of the top teacher education programs. The University of West Alabama (UWA) is working to overcome the state's teacher shortage by using GoReact to help more teacher candidates become successful, licensed educators.

Because of the unique demographic UWA serves, they also face unique challenges. Every year, CAEP raises the bar for teacher candidates, which can be difficult for first-generation and rural students already struggling to meet GPA requirements.

Another major challenge for UWA is travel. Before implementing GoReact video assessment software, supervisors needed funds for hotels, meals, and gas just to observe two-hour lessons around the state—sometimes up to four hours away. In one year, because of growth in online students, the department exceeded their travel budget by \$30,000.

Challenges



First Generation Students

Many students come from at-risk schools and are unprepared for the rigors of college.



Tech-Challenged Faculty

A number of UWA supervisors are retired faculty easily intimidated by technology.



Travel Costs

In one year, the UWA College of Education exceeded their travel budget by \$30,000.



edTPA Certification

UWA needed a solution to help candidates pass the edTPA certification test.

GoReact Solutions



Student Support

Faculty can better support first-generation students with personalized feedback.



Ease of Use

GoReact requires no special equipment, and is easy for everyone to set up and use.



Budget Savings

UWA cut travel expenses dramatically and observes more students than ever before.



More Prepared Candidates

Students practice the edTPA principle of recording and reflecting on a session.

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Saving Time & Money on Observations

Leaders in the UWA College of Education knew they needed to make a big change, one that would prepare candidates for successful teaching careers, while decreasing time and money spent on travel. A technology solution was exactly what they needed.

After introducing GoReact into their program, faculty quickly discovered that video + feedback provided solutions for all their challenges. It allowed candidates to watch themselves teach and become instantly self-aware of their performance. It made traveling for observations optional. And time-coded text, audio, and video feedback increased UWA supervisors' ability to prepare candidates for certification and beyond.

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Looking **Forward**

UWA now uses GoReact for graduate and undergraduate teacher education, instructional leadership, school counseling, and library media. In their next round of initiatives, faculty plan to build rubrics within GoReact, teach classroom management skills with video, and build a library of exemplary videos from UWA students.

To learn more about how GoReact helps improve the quality of teacher education, visit [GoReact.com/teachers](https://goreact.com/teachers)

About Us

GoReact humanizes and simplifies skills-based learning through a proven combination of video + feedback. With simple, flexible tools for experiential learning, GoReact helps all learners develop and demonstrate skill competency.