

# Quality Instruction and Career Entry Preparedness for Urban Schools - NYU Steinhardt

NYU partners with school districts nationwide to select candidates for a new program called EMAT which stands for Embedded Master of Arts in Teaching for secondary education. It's a 13-month residency program whereby resident interns complete online coursework and get real-world in-classroom teaching experience. The goal is to advance career preparedness on Day 1, but they don't go at it alone. NYU and their partner, HotChalk, an education technology company that puts degree programs online, found TORSH, a video partner that would connect remote resident interns to the expert faculty guidance of NYU's staff.

#### **Problem**

NYU and their partner, HotChalk, an education technology company that puts degree programs online, needed to find a video partner that would connect remote resident interns to the expert faculty guidance of NYU's staff.

### **Solution**

After reviewing several potential solutions, Ilana Levinson, Manager of Academic Technology Services at NYU Steinhardt, said she found the 'Porsche' of video-based observation tools in Torsh TALENT and a strategic partnership was formed. Not only does Torsh TALENT integrate seamlessly with their in-house system, Ember, but the breadth of offerings including tracking coaching data go far beyond capturing basic videos. Resident interns can record classroom time, upload to TALENT and leave self-reflection notes that tie back directly to specific moments in the video. Along the same lines, NYU instructors and mentors participate in ongoing two-way feedback working with students one-on-one and in small groups as they sharpen their skills throughout the program.

## Results

The TORSH partnership with NYU's EMAT program started in the Summer of 2016. Due to its early success, other departments quickly became interested. Within a few months, NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development signed up to use TORSH for its own on-campus programs.

#### **Great Teachers Matter**

TORSH is an online PD platform that helps school leaders support educators through the entire growth cycle of assessment, observation, feedback, goal-setting, and coaching.

"TORSH Talent is the 'Porsche' of video-based observation tools."

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