Careers For Students Majoring In...

**EDUCATION**

**What Can I Do With A Degree In Education?**

**K - 12 Areas**
- Teaching
- Pre-school
- Elementary
- Middle
- Secondary
- Administration
- Principalship
- Superintendency
- Special Services
- Reading
- Title 1
- Guidance Counseling
- School Psychology
- School Social Work
- Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Audiology and Speech Pathology
- Library/Information Services
- Special Education
- English as a Second Language
- Curriculum Supervision
- Subject Area Supervision

**Employers**
- Elementary, middle and secondary schools: public, private, Montessori, etc.
- Day care centers and nursery schools
- Boards of education

**Information/Strategies**
- Complete a college level teacher preparation program.
- Obtain teaching certificate/license for desired subject area and/or grade level. Requirements for certification/licensure vary by state.
- Obtain multiple certifications to increase employability.
- Private schools may not require certification or licensure. Obtain master’s degree in subject area for increased employability.
- Get involved in student teacher organizations.
- Acquire teaching experience. Obtain Ph.D. and certificate in school administration.
- Graduate study required for “special service” fields. Obtain master’s degree in area to become specialist. Requirements for certification and/or accreditation vary by state.

HIGHER-EDUCATION

Areas
- Teaching
- Research
- Administration
- Student Affairs
- Information/Library Services

Employers
- Four-year colleges and universities
- Two-year and community colleges
- Technical schools
- Medical and professional schools

Information/Strategies
- Earn Ph.D. to teach and research at four-year institutions. Master’s or Ph.D. degree is required to teach at two-year schools.
- Earn a Ph.D. in higher education administration for upper level positions in university administration.
- Earn master’s degree in student personnel, student development, or counseling for student affairs positions.
- Obtain master’s degree in library/information sciences.
- Gain related experience through student positions such as Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, etc.
- Seek leadership roles in campus organizations.

ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Areas
- Inservice Education
- Staff Development
- Professional Development
- Leisure-oriented Education
- GED Preparation
- Literacy Development
- English as a Second Language
- Consulting

Employers
- K-12 school systems
- Boards of education
- Colleges and universities
- Two-year and technical schools
- Community organizations: YMCA, Red Cross, etc.
- Correctional institutions
- Museums
- Professional associations
- Nursing homes/Adult daycare
- Vocational services
- Consulting firms
Information/Strategies
- Attain a master’s or Ph.D. degree in adult education or a graduate degree in a subject or specialized area.
- Gain a reputation of expertise and experience in a subject, profession, art, craft or trade.
- Obtain teaching or instructional experience.
- Determine certification or accreditation standards for areas of interest.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Areas
- Corporate Training
- Human Resources
- Sales
- Customer Service
- Publishing, Editing, and Technical Writing
- Curriculum Development
- Consulting

Employers
- Public and private corporations
- Consulting firms
- Marketing companies
- Bookstores
- Publishers:
  - Textbook, newspaper, magazine, book
- Test-preparation companies
- Software companies
- Staffing agencies

Information/Strategies
- Take some general business and computer courses.
- Earn a graduate degree in human resource development.

- Gain experience in organizational development or marketing.
- Become current with business and industry literature and news.
- Develop strong word processing, editing, and desktop publishing skills.

GOVERNMENT

Areas
- Administration
- Planning
- Evaluation
- Management
- Research and Writing
- Teaching
- Social Work

Employers
- Federal government agencies:
  - Department of Education
  - Department of Defense
  - Overseas schools for military dependents
  - Department of Labor
  - Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC)
  - Health and Human Services
  - Library of Congress
  - National Archives and Records Administration
  - National Science Foundation
  - National Endowment for the Arts
  - National Endowment for the Humanities
  - Peace Corps
  - Americorps
  - Social service agencies
  - State and local government
**Information/Strategies**
- Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures.
- Gain experience and an advanced, typically Ph.D., degree for high level positions in government.

**NON-PROFIT**

**Areas**
- Teaching or Training
- Programming
- Public Relations
- Administration
- Fundraising
- Case Managing
- Lobbying

**Employers**
- Adoption agencies
- Scouts
- Camps
- United Way agencies
- YMCA/YWCA
- Group homes
- Mental health clinics
- Hospitals
- Community recreation centers
- Other public or private social service organizations
- State/national professional associations

**Information/Strategies**
- Gain experience through volunteer work or internships.
- Develop writing and public speaking skills.
- Learn to work well with people of various backgrounds.
- Add additional coursework in area of interest such as human services, counseling or psychology.
- Consider certification in special education for greater employability.
- Seek grant writing experience to increase opportunities.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**
- Develop excellent communication skills, verbal and written.
- Develop good computer skills.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm and energy for the field.
- Need desire to work with and help people.
- Obtain part-time, summer, internship, or volunteer experience with the age group you intend to work with in various settings: pre-schools, daycares, camps, community agencies, adult centers, YMCA’s, etc.
- Participate in co-curricular activities and related organizations to broaden skills, interests, and opportunities.
- Bachelor’s degree is sufficient for certification/licensure to teach K-12 in most states. Obtain a master’s degree for advancement and increased earning potential.
- Advanced degree required for specialists, education administration, college teaching and other professional positions.
- Maintain current knowledge of state and national legislation regarding teacher licensure.
- Identify transferable skills learned in teaching applicable to alternative careers:
  - effective communication with people, verbal and written
  - teaching and instruction
• program planning
• organization and record-keeping
• working under pressure and meeting deadlines
• motivational skills, creativity
• working autonomously, decision-making, problem solving
• research skills

**Careers in Education**

School Teachers -
stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos069.htm

Elementary School Teacher
www.calmis.cahwnet.gov/file/occguide/Teachele.htm

Teachers, Secondary School CA
www.calmis.cahwnet.gov/file/occguide/Teachsec.htm

Special Education
stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos070.htm

Recruiting New Teachers.
www.rnt.org/index.html

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).
www.ctc.ca.gov/default.html

The California Center for Teaching Careers (CalTeach)
calteach.com/

Certification Requirements for all 50 States
infotree.library.ohiou.edu/single-records/2936.html

California Center for Teaching Careers
www.calteach.com

**School and School Districts Information**

Bay Area School District/County Office of Education.
www.lib.berkeley.edu/EDP/

California County Offices of Education.
www.slocoe.org/resource/calpage.htm


National Charter Schools
www.charterschoolcenter.org/

**Career Exploration**

Stanford
studentaffairs.stanford.edu/cdc/research/intl-teaching

UC Berkeley
career.berkeley.edu/Infolab/CareerFields.stm

Guides for Specific Careers
www.jobstar.org/tools/career/spec-car.cfm

Job Web
www.jobweb.com/

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco/

The Job Hunters Bible
www.jobhuntersbible.com/

O’Net-
online.onetcenter.org

**Exploring Majors**

Kansas State University
www.k-state.edu/acic/majorin/elementaryed.htm

University of Manitoba
www.umanitoba.ca/counselling/careers.html

University of Tennessee.
career.utk.edu/students/majors.asp
University of Delaware
udel.edu/CSC/mrk.html

Major to Career Converter From MonsterTrak.com
content.monstertrak.monster.com/tools/careerconverter/

Job Postings
The Chronicle of Higher Education
chronicle.com/jobs

Academic Position Network
www.apnjobs.com/

Affirmative Action Register
www.aar-eeo.com

American Universities
www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/american-universities.html

Bay Area School Districts
www.abag.ca.gov/abag/local_gov/schools.html

California Center for Teaching Careers
www.calteach.com

California Community Colleges
www.cccco.edu/ OR www.ccweek.com

California State Univ. Employment Board
csueb.sfsu.edu

California State University Sacramento Foundation
www.foundation.csus.edu/hr/

Carnie, Sandoe & Associates
www.csa-teach.com

EduTech On-Line Educational Employment Search
www.edutech-1.com

Higher Education Jobs
www.higheredjobs.com

Hire-Ed
www.hireedsolutions.com/

Job Hunt
www.job-hunt.org/academia.html

Jobs in Higher Education
www.academic360.com

National Job Network Education Jobs Page
www.nationjob.com/education

Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning
www.stanford.edu/dept/CTL

The American School Directory
www.asd.com/

TESOL Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
www.tesol.org/s_tesol/index.asp

The ESL Job Center
www.eslcafe.com/jobs/

U.C. Santa Barbara Office of Research
http://research.ucsb.edu

University of California Campuses
www.ucop.edu/

University Job Bank
www.ujobbank.com

USDA Research Education and Economics
www.afm.ars.usda.gov/

US Universities by State
www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state

National Education Association
www.nea.or
Overseas Job Postings
Friends of World Teaching
www.fowt.com/
UNI Overseas Placement Service for Educators
www.uni.edu/placement/overseas/
U.S. Department of State, Overseas Schools,
www.state.gov/www/about_state/schools/oteaching.html

Professional Associations
Associations and Societies
Yahoo! Professional Organizations
www.yahoo.com/Economy/Organizations/Professional
Google.com
www.google.com
American Association for Employment in Education
www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/aaee
American Educational Research Association
www.aera.net
California Teachers Association
www.cta.org
National Academic Advising Association
www.psu.edu/dus/ncta
National Education Association
www.nea.org
Teach for America
www.teachforamerica.org
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
www.aacte.org
American Association of Community Colleges
www.aacc.nche.edu
American Association for Higher Education
www.aahe.org
American Association of University Professors
www.aaup.org
American Association of University Women
www.aauw.org
American Montessori Society
www.amshq.org
American School Counselor Association
www.schoolcounselor.org
Learning Disabilities Association of America
www.ldanatl.org