# EDUCATION

## What can I do with this major?

### AREAS

**K-12**
- Teaching:
  - Pre-school
  - Elementary
  - Middle
  - Secondary
- Administration:
  - Principal
  - Superintendent
- Special Services:
  - Reading
  - Title 1
  - Guidance Counseling
  - School Psychology
  - School Social Work
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Audiology and Speech Pathology
  - Library/Information Services
  - Special Education
  - Career/Technical Education
  - Self-Enrichment
  - English as a Second Language
  - Curriculum Supervision
  - Subject Area Supervision
- Tutoring Services
- Test Preparation

### EMPLOYERS

Elementary, middle and secondary schools:
- Public, private, Montessori, magnet, charter
- Overseas schools for military dependents
- Day care centers and nursery schools
- Boards of education
- Tutoring and learning centers
- Test preparation companies

### STRATEGIES

- Obtain experience working with target age group through volunteer or part-time positions.
- Demonstrate patience, creativity and the ability to work well with people of various backgrounds.
- Develop strong communications skills to deal effectively with students, staff and parents.
- Complete a college level teacher preparation program to obtain certification for desired subject area or grade level. Requirements vary by state.
- Private schools may not require certification.
- Pursue multiple certifications to increase employability.
- Earn master's degree for higher pay and for a hiring edge in some districts.
- Join related organizations such as National Education Association, International Reading Association, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, etc. to learn about current issues in the field.
- Research school administration graduate programs and certification requirements for principal positions.
- Graduate study is required for "special service" fields.
- Obtain master's degree in area to become a specialist.
### Areas

#### Higher Education
- Teaching
- Research
- Information/Library Services
- Administration and Student Support Services:
  - Admissions
  - Financial Aid
  - Advising
  - Development
  - Alumni Affairs
- International Education and Study Abroad
- Student Affairs, i.e. Residence Life, Student Activities, Orientation, Leadership, Greek Life, Multicultural Affairs, Recreational Sports, Career Services

#### Adult and Continuing Education
- In-service Education
- Staff Development
- Leisure-oriented Education
- Career/Technical Education
- GED Preparation
- Literacy Development
- English as a Second Language

#### Employers
- Boards of education
- Colleges and universities
- Two-year and technical schools
- Community organizations: YMCA, Red Cross, etc.
- Correctional institutions
- Museums
- Professional associations
- Residential care facilities
- Adult day healthcare centers
- Vocational services
- K-12 school systems
- Language schools: overseas and domestic

#### Strategies
- Develop strong communication skills and the desire to help others.
- Seek volunteer or paid experience in area of interest, i.e. English as a Second Language training, GED preparation, literacy development, etc.
- Research certification and accreditation standards for instructional areas of interest.
- Attain master’s or Ph.D. degree in adult education or a graduate degree in a subject or specialized area.
- Earn a reputation of expertise and experience in a subject, profession, art, craft or trade.
- Demonstrate a repertoire of strategies for teaching learners with varied life experiences including age, skills and abilities, educational level, culture and socioeconomic status.
- Research certification options, visa requirements and overseas schools and programs for teaching abroad.
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<td>Stay current with business and industry literature and news. &lt;br&gt; Research companies that utilize teaching/education experience or those that are open to hiring students from “any major.”&lt;br&gt; Conduct informational interviews to learn about career paths and to build a network of contacts.&lt;br&gt; Seek experience through part-time jobs and internships in business; experience in sales may be necessary for some positions.&lt;br&gt; Join related student associations and pursue leadership positions.&lt;br&gt; Be prepared to start in entry-level positions such as management trainee programs.&lt;br&gt; Learn webpage design and software packages relevant to publishing and media. Develop a portfolio.&lt;br&gt; Consider earning an advanced degree to specialize in business or communications fields.</td>
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<td><strong>GOVERNMENT</strong></td>
<td>Federal government agencies: Department of Education&lt;br&gt; Department of Defense&lt;br&gt; Overseas schools for military dependents&lt;br&gt; Department of Labor&lt;br&gt; Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC)&lt;br&gt; Health and Human Services&lt;br&gt; Library of Congress&lt;br&gt; National Archives and Records Administration&lt;br&gt; National Science Foundation&lt;br&gt; National Endowment for the Arts&lt;br&gt; National Endowment for the Humanities&lt;br&gt; Peace Corps&lt;br&gt; Americorps&lt;br&gt; Social service agencies&lt;br&gt; State and local government</td>
<td>Seek involvement in student government, local political groups, local campaigns, civic organizations, community service projects, etc.&lt;br&gt; Acquire experience through volunteering or completing an internship in a government agency.&lt;br&gt; Develop strong analytical, verbal, research, writing and leadership skills.&lt;br&gt; Build a network of contacts through referrals and informational interviews.&lt;br&gt; Become familiar with the government application process. Utilize applicable websites and seek assistance from your college career center.</td>
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<td>Service organizations: United Way, Red Cross,</td>
<td>Research organizations' values to find a good fit with yours.</td>
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<td>Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, etc.</td>
<td>Seek experience as a volunteer, intern or paid employee with social service or non-profit organizations.</td>
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<td>Programming</td>
<td>Youth organizations and camps: YMCA, YWCA,</td>
<td>Become familiar with government and community resources available for those in need.</td>
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<td>Young Life, Scouts, etc.</td>
<td>Develop a wide range of skills such as presenting, grant writing and fund raising, as professionals in nonprofit organizations may fill multiple roles.</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>Community recreation centers</td>
<td>Develop writing, research and public speaking skills and the ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds.</td>
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<td>Management</td>
<td>Immigrant and refugee service providers</td>
<td>Supplement coursework in with areas of interest such as business, human services, counseling or psychology.</td>
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<td>Demonstrate knowledge and experience in a specialty area, i.e. public health, environment, urban issues.</td>
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### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Develop excellent communication skills, verbal and written. Become skilled in various teaching strategies and technologies.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm and energy for the field, particularly the desire to work with and help others.
- Obtain part-time, summer, internship or volunteer experience with the intended age group in various settings such as pre-schools, day cares, camps, community agencies, adult centers, YMCA's, etc.
- Participate in co-curricular activities and related organizations to broaden skills, interests and networking opportunities.
- Bachelor's degree is sufficient for certification to teach K-12 in most states. Obtain a master's degree for advancement and to increase earning potential. Advanced degrees are required for specialists, education administration, college teaching and some other professional positions.
- Maintain current knowledge of state and national legislation regarding teacher certification.
- Identify transferable skills learned in teaching applicable to alternative careers:
  - Verbal and written communication, teaching and instruction, program planning, organization and record-keeping, working under pressure, meeting deadlines, motivating others, creativity, working autonomously, decision-making, problem solving and research.

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