

## EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY)

**What is Education?** (from <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/education.htm>)

Learning that takes place in schools or school-like environments (formal education) or in the world at large; the transmission of the values and accumulated knowledge of a society. In developing cultures there is often little formal education. Children learn from their environment and activities, and the adults around them act as teachers. In more complex societies, where there is more knowledge to be passed on, a more selective and efficient means of transmission — the school and teacher — becomes necessary. The content of formal education, its duration, and who receives it have varied widely from culture to culture and age to age, as has the philosophy of education.

**What is this career like?** (from <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos069.htm>)

“Teachers act as facilitators or coaches, using classroom presentations or individual instruction to help students learn and apply concepts in subjects such as science, mathematics or English. They plan, evaluate and assign lessons; prepare, administer and grade tests; listen to oral presentations; and maintain classroom discipline. Teachers observe and evaluate a student’s performance and potential, and they increasingly are asked to use new assessment methods. They then can provide additional assistance in areas in which a student needs help. Teachers also grade papers, prepare report cards and meet with parents and school staff to discuss a student’s academic progress or personal problems.”

**Related Career Titles** (from <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/education.htm>)

Adult Education Teacher	Educational Resource	Media Center Specialist
Alumni Relations Coord.	Educational Therapist	Missionary Worker
Athletic Coach	Elementary Teacher	Physical Education Instructor
Athletic Director	Employee Trainer	Preschool Administrator
Child Life Specialist	Financial Aid Counselor	Registrar/Admissions Dir.
Curriculum Specialist	Grant Writer	Training Specialist
Day Care Administrator	Guidance Counselor	Resource Teacher
Education Management	Historic Site Administrator	School Psychologist
Educ. Materials Sales	Instructor, College/Univer.	Secondary School Teacher
Education-Training Admin.	Kindergarten Teacher	Social Services Volunteer
Student Personnel Admin.	Librarian	Speech Pathologist
Student Admissions Admin	Tutor	Vocational Rehab Counselor
Student Affairs Admin.	Teacher, Industrial Arts	Special Education Admin.

**How do you get ready?** (from <http://career.utk.edu/students/majors.asp>)

- 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, YMCAs, 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

**Related Major Skills** (from <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/education.htm>)

Ability to teach/train	Explaining ideas clearly
Writing and presenting	Decision making
Organization	Planning
Dealing with parents or guardians	Lesson planning
Summarizing ideas	Ability to teach to different learning levels
Flexibility	Team player
Creativity	Computer skills

**What about the future?** (from <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos069.htm>)

Employment of preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle and secondary school teachers is projected to grow about as fast as the average. Job prospects are expected to be favorable, with particularly good prospects for teachers in high-demand fields such as math, science and bilingual education, or in less desirable urban or rural school districts.

For a more detailed employment outlook, please go to <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos069.htm> or to <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos070.htm> for the special education employment outlook.

## Available at Albright College Career Development Center's Resource Library

- Career Opportunities in Education, by Susan Echaore-McDavid
- Careers for Bookworms and Other Literary Types, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Born Leaders and Other Decisive Types, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Extroverts and Other Gregarious Types, Jan Goldberg
- Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types, by H. Ned Seelye and J. Laurence Day
- Careers for Kids at Heart and Others Who Adore Children, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Persuasive Types and Others Who Won't Take No for an Answer, by Jan Goldberg
- Careers for the Stagestruck and Other Dramatic Types, by Lucia Mauro
- Careers for Talkative Types and Others with the Gift of Gab, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Adult Education Careers, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Educational Support Careers, by Mark Rowh
- Opportunities in Special Education Careers, by Robert Connelly
- Opportunities in Teaching Careers, by Janet Fine
- Opportunities in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Technical Education Careers, by Robert Connelly
- Opportunities in Training and Development Careers, by Edward E. Gordon, Catherine M. Petrini, and Ann P. Campagna

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Links to Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by Albright College or the Career Development Center.

Links found at <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/education.htm>.

### Job and Internship Search Links

- Teacher Support Network <http://www.teachersupportnetwork.com>
- ABC Teaching Jobs <http://abcteachingjobs.com/>
- Teachers-Teachers.com: free service that allows teachers to market themselves to public and private schools nationwide <http://www.Teachers-Teachers.com>
- National Educators Employment Network <http://www.teachersatwork.com>
- School jobs <http://www.school-jobs.net>
- ESL Employment <http://www.eslemployment.com/>
- Quintessential Careers (teaching jobs internet sites) [http://www.quintcareers.com/teaching\\_jobs.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/teaching_jobs.html)
- Want to Teach <http://www.wanttoteach.com>
- K-12 Job Search <http://k-12jobs.com>
- Education America Network <http://www.educationamerica.net/>
- schoolSTAFF <http://www.schoolSTAFF.com>

- National Association of Teachers' Agencies: helping teachers find jobs  
<http://www.jobsforteachers.com>
- Academic Employment Network <http://www.academploy.com/>
- Student Affairs Job Search (Higher Education Jobs) <http://www.StudentAffairs.com>
- National Educators Employment Review - job listings and articles  
<http://www.thereview.com>
- Private School Employment Network - jobs, resume database  
<http://www.privateschooljobs.com>
- Teachers.net: subscribe to job alert for new jobs, view jobs already listed, job talk, references, tools and Web sites <http://www.teachers.net/jobs/jobalert>
- Teach for America <http://www.teachforamerica.org/tfa/>
- U.S. Teach [www.usteach.com](http://www.usteach.com)
- TEFL jobs <http://www.eslbase.com>
- Hire Ed Jobs, [www.higheredjobs.com](http://www.higheredjobs.com)
- Top School Jobs, [www.topschooljobs.org](http://www.topschooljobs.org)

### **International Teaching Links**

- Web sites for Teaching Abroad  
<http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/esl/bestwebsites.shtml>
- Education Jobs in the U.K. <http://www.education-jobs.co.uk>
- Jobs in Education <http://www.jobsineducation.com>
- English Job Maze (ESL/EFL jobs) <http://www.englishjobmaze.com>
- Department of Defense Schools <http://www.dodea.edu/>
- Department of Defense Overseas Schools  
<http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,31992--,00.html>
- International School Services <http://www.iss.edu>
- European Council of International Schools <http://www.ecis.org>
- ELT News - for English Teachers in Japan <http://www.eltnews.com/home.shtml>
- Teaching Jobs Overseas <http://www.joyjobs.com>
- Institute of International Education <http://www.iie.org>
- AASSA - South America <http://aassa.com>
- NAFSA - Association of International Educators <http://www.nafsa.org>
- ESLworldwide.Com - an Internet recruiting company focused on ESL teachers interested in teaching English overseas <http://ESLworldwide.com>
- Teaching English in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and China  
<http://www.aacircle.com.au/>
- Threshold Training Associates  
(teacher training center for teachers of English as a second or foreign language  
<http://www.intesolprague-teflcourses.com>
- Footprints Recruiting <http://www.footprintsrecruiting.com/index.php>
- Teach in Italy...and other resources for teaching overseas <http://www.TeachItaly.com>
- Education Canada Network <http://educationcanada.com>

## Career Planning Links

- Accreditation <http://www.acswasc.org/>
- Teacher Certification Requirements, State by State <http://www.academply.com/certif.cfm>
- Locate Private Schools <http://www.locateprivateschool.com/>
- Public School Review - research public school information <http://www.publicschoolreview.com/>
- Private School Review <http://www.privateschoolreview.com/>
- Common Core of Data: Information on Public Schools and U.S. School Districts <http://nces.ed.gov/ccdweb/school/district.asp>
- American School Directory <http://www.asd.com/cgi-bin/asd/DSHomePage>
- Peterson's Education Center: k-12 schools <http://www.petersons.com/k12front.html>
- MiddleWeb's 10 Great Web Sites for Teachers <http://www.middleweb.com/10TeachingSites.html>
- "What to Expect Your First Year of Teaching" article by Department of Education <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/FirstYear>
- MightyMentors: matches retired and experienced teachers with students and new teaching graduates; site includes an FAQ section with tips on how a student can get the most out of the mentor/protégé relationship <http://www.mightymentors.com>
- Chat rooms for teachers, lesson plans, job center, bookshelf, Web tools and much more <http://teachers.net>
- Classroom Connect - conferences, best k-12 Internet links, products, online materials and online teacher contacts <http://www.classroom.net/>
- Education Week on the Web: archives, magazine articles, jobs by region and title, some job fairs <http://www.edweek.org>
- Resources on Teaching Portfolios <http://grad.uwyo.edu/pict/portfoli.htm>
- Teachers Edition Online: helping tools and ideas for busy teachers <http://www.teachnet.com>
- Teachers Helping Teachers: provides basic teaching tips to inexperienced teachers; ideas that can be immediately implemented in the classroom <http://www.pacificnet.net/~mandel/>

## Professional Association Links

- American Federation of Teachers <http://www.aft.org/index.htm>
- National Education Association <http://www.nea.org/>
- U.S. Department of Education <http://www.ed.gov/>

## Miscellaneous Resources

- Education World <http://www.education-world.com/> - Awesome site for articles, lesson plans, curriculum, technology in the classroom, job listings newsletter, school issues and a career center.
- Job Profiles for Educators <http://www.jobprofiles.org/edu.htm>
- U.S. Charter Schools [http://www.uscharterschools.org/pub/uscs\\_docs/index.htm](http://www.uscharterschools.org/pub/uscs_docs/index.htm)
- Salary Surveys <http://www.aft.org/research/salary/home.htm>