# EDUCATION

## What can I do with this major?

### AREAS

**K-12**
- Teaching
  - Pre-school
  - Elementary
  - Middle
  - Secondary
- Administration
  - Principalship
  - Superintendent
- 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

### 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

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

**Research**

**Administration**

**Student Affairs**

**Information/Library Services**

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.
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### AREAS

#### NONPROFIT
- 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

#### 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.

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### 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