

EXPLORE EDUCATION

WHAT IS EDUCATION?

If you enjoy working in an academic atmosphere, then the education field might just be for you. Education includes public and private sector positions, consisting of teaching and administrative services. Teaching involves working with students in one or more subjects in private and public schools. Educational administration involves directing programs, instructional services, research, and student support services. Career areas include: Early Childhood, K-12, Higher Education, Teaching Abroad, and English as a Second Language.

FREQUENT JOB TITLES

- Teacher
- School Counselor
- Social Worker
- School Psychologist
- Professor
- Advisor
- Program Coordinator or Director
- Higher Education Administration or Staff

IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Traditional Teaching: Bachelor's degree in the subject area you plan to teach
- Specialized Certification: Required for teaching specific groups such as Special Ed, ESL learners
- Educational Administration: Master's or doctoral degree required
- Students who want to teach but did not major in education can earn a teaching certificate through alternative teaching programs (e.g. Teach for America)
- Students with a bachelor's degree in any area can apply to teaching programs to earn a master's degree

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Traditional Private and Public Schools
- Charter, Montessori, Parochial Schools
- 2-4year Colleges and Universities
- Teaching English as Foreign Language (TEFL) Agencies
- Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) Agencies

KEY SKILLS

- Written and oral communication
- Mentoring and leadership
- Written and reading comprehension
- Patience and active listening
- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Public speaking

RELATED STUDENT ORGS

- Advocates for Education
- School of Education Student Ambassadors
- Women in Scientific Education Research
- Aspiring Educators of Wisconsin
- Men in Education