EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY)

What is Education? (from http://uncw.edu/career/education.html)

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://uncw.edu/career/education.html)

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<th>Adult Education Teacher</th>
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<td>Alumni Relations Coord.</td>
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<td>Athletic Coach</td>
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<td>Athletic Director</td>
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<td>Child Life Specialist</td>
<td>Financial Aid Counselor</td>
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<td>Curriculum Specialist</td>
<td>Grant Writer</td>
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<td>Day Care Administrator</td>
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<td>Resource Teacher</td>
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<td>Educ. Materials Sales</td>
<td>Instructor, College/Univer.</td>
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<td>Student Personnel Admin.</td>
<td>Librarian</td>
<td>Speech Pathologist</td>
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<td>Student Admissions Admin</td>
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<td>Vocational Rehab Counselor</td>
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<td>Student Affairs Admin.</td>
<td>Teacher, Industrial Arts</td>
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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://uncw.edu/career/education.html)

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<th>Ability to teach/train</th>
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<td>Summarizing ideas</td>
<td>Ability to teach to different learning levels</td>
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<td>Flexibility</td>
<td>Team player</td>
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What about the future?

“Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 6 percent from 2012 to 2022, slower than the average for all occupations. Overall growth is expected because of declines in student-to-teacher ratios and increases in enrollment. However, employment growth will vary by region.”

For specific job information, go to http://www.bls.gov/ooh/
Available at Albright College Career Development’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, by 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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Job and Internship Search Links

- Teachers-Teachers.com: http://www.Teachers-Teachers.com
- School Jobs http://www.school-jobs.net
- ESL Employment http://www.eslemployment.com/
- Want to Teach http://www.wanttoteach.com
- K-12 Job Search http://k-12jobs.com
- Education America Network http://www.educationamerica.net/
- Academic Employment Network http://www.academploy.com/
- Teach for America http://www.teachforamerica.org/tna/
- U.S. Teach www.usteach.com
- ESL Base http://www.eslbase.com
- Camp Staff, http://www.campstaff.com/
• Pennsylvania School Boards Association Career Gateway, https://careergateway.psba.org/

International Teaching Links

• Education Jobs in the U.K. http://www.education-jobs.co.uk
• Jobs in Education http://www.jobsineducation.com
• Department of Defense Schools http://www.dodea.edu/
• International School Services http://www.iss.edu
• European Council of International Schools http://www.ecis.org
• Institute of International Education http://www.iie.org
• AASSA - South America http://aassa.com
• NAFSA - Association of International Educators http://www.nafsa.org
• Footprints Recruiting http://www.footprintsrecruiting.com/index.php
• U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools http://www.state.gov/m/a/os/

Career Planning Links

• Accreditation http://www.acswasc.org/
• Locate Private Schools http://www.locateapriceschool.com/
• Public School Review - research public school information http://www.publicschoolreview.com/
• Private School Review http://www.privateschoolreview.com/
• American School Directory http://www.asd.com/cgi-bin/asd/DSHomePage
• “What to Expect Your First Year of Teaching” article by Department of Education http://www.ed.gov/pubs/FirstYear
• Education Week on the Web: http://www.edweek.org
• Teachers Helping Teachers: http://teachershelpingteachers.info/

Professional Association Links

• National Education Association http://www.nea.org/
• Pennsylvania State Education Association http://www.psea.org
• Association of American Educators http://www.aateachers.org
• American Association of School Administrators http://www.aasa.org

Miscellaneous Resources

• Education World http://www.educationworld.com/
• PA Department of Education http://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#VcpeerU0N2A
• Federal Resources for Educational Excellence http://www2.ed.gov/free/index.html