

Explore



Elementary Education

Education is the study of how human beings teach, learn, and develop values, skills, and character qualities. Study in this field is almost unlimited and includes infant care; child psychology and adolescent education; preschool, elementary, and secondary education; adult and parent education; education of the elderly; education of people who have disabilities; education of the disadvantaged;...and so on. * Excerpt from College Majors and Careers by Paul Pfifer

Areas to Explore

K-5 . Higher Education . Business . Government . Non-Profit

Careers to Explore

Elementary School Teacher . After-School Program Coordinator . School Principal
Superintendent . School Counselor . ESL Instructor . Literacy Facilitator

Employers to Explore

Public & Private Schools . Boards of Education . Universities . Correctional Facilities
Department of Education . Peace Corps . Americorps . Social Service Agencies
Adoption Agencies . Recreation Centers . YMCA . Professional Associations

Career Planning Tactics

- Bachelor's degree is sufficient for K-12 licensure/certification in most states
- Consider pursuing a graduate degree if interested in Education Administration or paraprofessional positions
- Obtain relevant experience working with the age group of interest to develop presentation, communication, and motivational skills
- Stay up-to-date on technology that is used in the classroom and how to integrate it into classroom instruction
- Get involved in student teacher organizations to expand your network and stay informed of trends in your profession
- Develop a lesson-plan/teaching method portfolio while doing student teaching for future interviews

Resources:

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Teachers—Kindergarten, Elementary School](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Education Administrators](#)

[Praxis—Testing Information](#)

[Elementary Education @ Belmont Abbey](#)

Professional Associations

[National Education Association](#)

[American Assoc. for Employment in Education](#)

[Other Professional Associations for Educators](#)

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