# Education

## What can I do with this degree?

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<td>Teaching</td>
<td>Elementary, middle and secondary schools: public, private, Montessori, etc.</td>
<td>Complete a college level teacher preparation program.</td>
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<td>Day care centers and nursery schools</td>
<td>Obtain teaching certificate/license for desired subject area and/or grade level. Requirements for certification/licensure vary by state.</td>
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<td>Boards of Education</td>
<td>Obtain dual certification for better employability.</td>
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<td>Private schools may not require certification or licensure. Obtain master's degree in subject area for increased employability.</td>
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<td>Get involved in student teacher organizations.</td>
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<td>Acquire teaching experience. Obtain Ph.D. and certificate in school administration.</td>
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<td>Graduate study required for &quot;special service&quot; fields.</td>
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<td>Obtain master's degree in area to become specialist. Requirements for certification and/or accreditation vary by state.</td>
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<td>Higher Education</td>
<td>Four-year colleges and universities</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Two-year and community colleges</td>
<td>Earn a Ph.D. in higher education administration for upper level positions in university administration.</td>
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<td>Technical schools</td>
<td>Earn master's in student personnel, student development, or counseling for student affairs positions.</td>
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<td>Medical and professional schools</td>
<td>Obtain master's in library/information sciences.</td>
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<td>Gain related experience through student positions such as Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, etc.</td>
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<td>Seek leadership roles in campus organizations.</td>
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<td>Inservice Education</td>
<td>K-12 school systems</td>
<td>Attain a master's or Ph.D. degree in adult education or a graduate degree in a subject or specialized area.</td>
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<td>Staff Development</td>
<td>Boards of Education</td>
<td>Gain a reputation of expertise and experience in a subject, profession, art, craft or trade.</td>
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<td>Colleges and universities</td>
<td>Obtain teaching or instructional experience.</td>
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<td>Leisure-oriented Education</td>
<td>Two-year and technical schools</td>
<td>May need certification or accreditation.</td>
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<td>GED Preparation</td>
<td>Community organizations: YMCA, Red Cross, etc.</td>
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<td>Literacy Development</td>
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<td>Professional associations</td>
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<td>Nursing homes/Adult day care</td>
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<td>Vocational services</td>
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<td><strong>BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY</strong></td>
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<td>Training and Development</td>
<td>Public and private corporations</td>
<td>Take some general business and computer courses.</td>
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<td>Human Resources</td>
<td>Consulting firms</td>
<td>Earn a graduate degree in human resource development.</td>
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<td>Sales</td>
<td>Marketing companies</td>
<td>Gain experience in organizational development or marketing.</td>
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<td>Customer Service</td>
<td>Bookstores</td>
<td>Become current with business and industry literature and news.</td>
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<td>Test-preparation companies</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>Federal government agencies:</td>
<td>Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures.</td>
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<td>Planning</td>
<td>Department of Education</td>
<td>Gain experience and an advanced, typically Ph.D., degree for top positions in government.</td>
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<td>Evaluation</td>
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<td>Management</td>
<td>Overseas schools for military dependents</td>
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<td>Research and Writing</td>
<td>Department of Labor</td>
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<td>Teaching</td>
<td>Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC)</td>
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<td>Social Work</td>
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<td>Adoption agencies</td>
<td>Gain experience through volunteer work or internships.</td>
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<td>Programming</td>
<td>Scouts</td>
<td>Develop writing and public speaking skills.</td>
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<td>Public Relations</td>
<td>Camps</td>
<td>Learn to work with people of different ages and backgrounds.</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>United Way agencies</td>
<td>Add additional coursework in area of interest such as human services,</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>YMCA/YWCA</td>
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<td>Group homes</td>
<td>Consider certification in special education for greater employability.</td>
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<td>Mental health clinics</td>
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<td>Community recreation centers</td>
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<td>Other public or private social service organizations</td>
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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 and interests.
- Decide on level of teaching and specific area of interest.
- 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.
- For career options outside of education, identify transferable skills learned in teaching that are applicable to alternative careers: effective communication both 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, and research skills.