# **EDUCATION**

# What can I do with this degree?

## **AREAS**

### **EMPLOYERS**

# **STRATEGIES**

#### K-12

Teaching

Pre-school

Elementary Middle

Secondary

Administration

Principalship

Superintendency

**Special Services** 

**Guidance Counseling** 

School Psychology

School Social Work

Occupational and Physical Therapy

Audiology and Speech Pathology

Library/Information Services

**Special Education** 

Curriculum Supervision

Subject Area Supervision

Elementary, middle and secondary schools: public, private, Montessori, etc.

Day care centers and nursery schools

Boards of Education

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 dual certification for better 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 Research Administration

Student Affairs

Information/Library Services

Four-year colleges and universities Two-year and community colleges Technical schools Medical and professional schools 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 in student personnel, student development, or counseling for student affairs positions.

Obtain master's 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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#### ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Inservice Education
Staff Development
Professional Development
Leisure-oriented Education
GED Preparation
Literacy Development
English as a Second Language

K-12 school systems
Boards of Education
Colleges and universities
Two-year and technical schools
Community organizations: YMCA, Red Cross, etc.
Correctional institutions

Hospitals Museums

Professional associations Nursing homes/Adult day care

Vocational services

Attain a master's or Ph.D. degree in adult education or a graduate degree in a subject or specialized area.

Gain a reputation of expertise and experience in a subject, profession, art, craft or trade.

Obtain teaching or instructional experience.

May need certification or accreditation.

#### **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

Training and Development Human Resources Sales

Customer Service

Publishing and Technical Writing

Consulting

Public and private corporations

Consulting firms
Marketing companies

Bookstores Publishers:

Textbook, newspaper, magazine, book

Test-preparation companies

Software companies Staffing agencies Take some general business and computer courses.

Earn a graduate degree in human resource development.

Gain experience in organizational development or marketing.

Become current with business and industry literature and news.

Learn desktop publishing and other software packages.

### **GOVERNMENT**

Administration Planning

Evaluation Management

Research and Writing

Teaching Social Work Federal government agencies:

Department of Education
Department of Defense

Overseas schools for military dependents

Department of Labor

Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC)

Health and Human Services

Library of Congress National Archives

National Science Foundation National Endowment for the Arts

National Endowment for the Humanities

Peace Corps

Social service agencies

Vista

State and local government

Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures.

Gain experience and an advanced, typically Ph.D., degree for top positions in government.

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#### **NONPROFIT**

Teaching or Training Programming Public Relations Administration Fundraising Adoption agencies

Scouts Camps

United Way agencies

YMCA/YWCA Group homes

Mental health clinics

Community recreation centers

Other public or private social service organizations

Gain experience through volunteer work or internships.

Develop writing and public speaking skills.

Learn to work with people of different ages and backgrounds.

Add additional coursework in area of interest such as human services, counseling or psychology.

Consider certification in special education for greater employablity.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Develop excellent communication skills, verbal and written.
- 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.
- 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
- Develop good computer skills.