EDUCATION & EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

What can I do with this Major?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
K-12 Teaching Pre-school Elementary Middle Secondary Administration Principal Superintendence 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. -For more information about salary, job outlook and general descriptions: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/
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. -For more information about salary, job outlook and general descriptions: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

Adult and Continuing Education In-service 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. -For more information about salary, job outlook and general descriptions: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/
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. -For more information about salary, job outlook and general descriptions: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/
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. -For more information about salary, job outlook and general descriptions: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

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 employability. -For more information about salary, job outlook and general descriptions: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

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.
-For more information on your major visit: http://www.onetonline.org/

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