

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY EDUCATION DEGREE?



UMBC - CAREER SERVICES CENTER

TRAINING / HUMAN RESOURCES

Businesses, Non-Profits, Employment Agencies, Government Agencies

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| ≡ Personnel/Human Resources Asst. | ≡ Benefits Coordinator | ≡ Training Specialist |
| ≡ EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist | ≡ Payroll Officer | ≡ Recruiter |
| ≡ Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor | ≡ Interviewer | ≡ Staffing Specialist |
| ≡ Position Classification Specialist | ≡ Job Developer | ≡ Labor Relations Specialist |
| ≡ Employee Relations Specialist | ≡ Job Coach | ≡ Employment Counselor |

YOUTH EDUCATION / RECREATION

Schools, Community/Gov=t Programs, Community Centers, Camps, Churches

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| ≡ Teacher | ≡ Child Care Worker | ≡ Parent Educator |
| ≡ Head Start Coordinator | ≡ Developmental Specialist | ≡ Day Care Supervisor |
| ≡ Nursery School Administrator | ≡ Teacher | ≡ Reading Specialist |
| ≡ Day Camp Operator | ≡ Recreation Leader | ≡ Adventure Education Teacher |
| ≡ Activities Supervisor | ≡ Athletic Coordinator | ≡ Tutor |
| ≡ Museum Guide/Educator | ≡ Nature Interpreter | ≡ Youth Program Coordinator |

ADULT EDUCATION

Community Colleges, Job Training Centers, Religious Organizations, Non-Profits

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| ≡ Instructor | ≡ ESL Teacher | ≡ GED Instructor |
| ≡ Asst. Director of Continuing Education | ≡ Program Coordinator | ≡ Literacy Program Coordinator |

INTERNATIONAL

International Schools, US Schools Abroad, Educational Exchange Organizations

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| ≡ Peace Corp Volunteer | ≡ English Instructor Abroad | ≡ ESL Teacher |
| ≡ Program Coordinator | | |

LAW / CORRECTIONS

Prisons/Courts

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| ≡ Court Appointed Special Advocate | ≡ Youth Corrections Officer | ≡ Child Support Case Officer |
| ≡ Facilities Teacher | ≡ Correctional Caseworker | ≡ Attendance/Truancy Officer |
| ≡ Probation/Parole Officer | ≡ Police Officer | ≡ Paralegal/Legal Assistant |

HUMAN SERVICES

Community Centers, Gov=t Agencies, Non-Profits

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| ≡ Community Outreach Worker | ≡ Social Service Administrator | ≡ Youth Counselor |
| ≡ Recreation Specialist | ≡ Volunteer Coordinator | ≡ Caseworker |
| ≡ Family Services Specialist | ≡ Activities Leader | ≡ Case Manager |
| ≡ Adoption Case Worker | ≡ Social Skills Trainer | ≡ Eligibility Specialist |

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

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| ≡ Congressional/Legislative Aide | ≡ Legislative Research Asst. | ≡ Campaign Staffer |
| ≡ Constituent Aide | ≡ Press Aide | ≡ Staff Assistant |

Policy Organizations(Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / National Associations)

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| ≡ Public Opinion Interviewer | ≡ Community/Field Organizer | ≡ Project Manager |
| ≡ Membership Coordinator | ≡ Program Coord./Developer | ≡ Political Organizer |
| ≡ Conference Coordinator | ≡ Community Relations Officer | ≡ Fundraising Assistant |

Research Organizations / Foundations (Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / National Associations)

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| ≡ Project Assistant | ≡ Research Associate | ≡ Proposal Reviewer |
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HIGHER EDUCATION

- ≡ Admissions Counselor
- ≡ Community Outreach Coordinator
- ≡ Financial Aid Counselor
- ≡ Public Relations Assistant
- ≡ Continuing Ed. Coordinator

HEALTH

Hospitals, Insurers, Non-Profits, Government

- ≡ Medical Admissions Staff
- ≡ Insurance Customer Service Rep.
- ≡ Substance Abuse Educator
- ≡ Patient Advocate
- ≡ Volunteer Coordinator
- ≡ Prevention Specialist
- ≡ Community Health Educator
- ≡ Child Life Specialist

BUSINESS

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

- ≡ Marketing Research Analyst
- ≡ Advertising Salesperson
- ≡ Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- ≡ Public Relations Specialist
- ≡ Marketing Coordinator
- ≡ Media Buyer
- ≡ Consumer Survey Supervisor
- ≡ Copywriter
- ≡ Special Events Planner

Insurance

- ≡ Claims Representative/Examiner
- ≡ Insurance Agent
- ≡ Underwriter

Banking / Finance

- ≡ Branch Manager
- ≡ Property Manager
- ≡ Loan Representative
- ≡ Credit Counselor
- ≡ Stock Broker

Retail / Sales

- ≡ Educational Courses Sales Rep.
- ≡ Playground Equipment Sales Rep.
- ≡ A/V Equipment Manufacturer=s Rep.
- ≡ Educational Materials Sales Rep.
- ≡ Toy Department Manager
- ≡ Assistant Buyer
- ≡ Store/Department Manager
- ≡ Manager - Discovery Zone
- ≡ Textbook Sales Rep.
- ≡ Museum Shop Manager
- ≡ Kid=s Clothing Store Manager

Publishing / Journalism (Children=s Publishers, Textbook Publishers, Children=s Magazines)

- ≡ Children=s Author
- ≡ Book/Subscription Salesperson
- ≡ Reporter
- ≡ Educational Software Editor
- ≡ Text Sales Representative
- ≡ Editorial Assistant
- ≡ Circulation Manager
- ≡ Assistant Editor
- ≡ Promotions Assistant
- ≡ Publishing Assistant

KEEP IN MIND...

This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is *not* a complete list! Think about all the occupations that would utilize the **planning, problem solving, public speaking, writing, and evaluative** skills you=ve developed through teaching. Also take a look at the handouts describing career options for your non-education major (as these would be options for you, as well). Finally, keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as an education major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

(1) **obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience** (see CSC about their part-time, major-related job announcements and the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities *and*

(2) **supplement your education course work** with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Internet sites: that allow you to explore career options for Education degree:

- ≡ Career Services Center - Links by Major: http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php

CSC Career Resource Center (MP 212):

- ≡ *101 Career Alternatives for Teachers*

National Associations: American Federation of Teachers (<http://www.aft.org>)