



## Major/ Career Connections

**Major Profile: Education (SEA)**

*School of Education*

*Social Interest Cluster*

### Is Education for me?

Find out by answering the following questions. If you answer yes to most of them, read on to learn more. If not, try one of the other **Major Profiles** (<http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/mccs.asp>).

|   | No                       | Yes                      |
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| Are you social, enterprising, conventional, or artistic (see <b>Interest Cluster</b> sheets)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a variety of skills and aptitudes?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you like to work with people?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have organizational, administrative, and record keeping abilities?                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have research, communication, or persuasion skills?                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you like to motivate or train others?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have patience and creativity?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### What is Education?

**Education** studies deal with methods of teaching and learning in schools. Public school educators must have a Bachelor's in education and must be licensed by their employing state. They might also have a certification in a specific subject area. Elementary education focuses on grades K-6. Secondary education focuses on grades 7-12.

### What Courses Will I Take?

- Diversity & Learning
- Reading Methods
- Teaching About the Arts
- Computers in Education
- Education & American Culture
- Content Area Literacy
- Examining Self as a Teacher
- Teaching Students with Special Needs in Secondary Classrooms
- Methods of Teaching
- Field Experience
- Student Teaching

### What are Some Related Majors?

- Administration of Special Education (SEC)
- Human Resource Management (SEC)
- Social Work (SEC)
- Special Education (SEC)
- Art Teacher (SAE)
- Family & Marriage Counseling (SAE)
- Religious Studies (SAE)
- Early Childhood/Kindergarten Teacher Education (SEA)
- Sign Language Interpreter (SCE)
- Finance (ESC)
- Interior Design (AES)

### What Skills Will I Develop?

In this major you will learn to design classroom presentations; work individually with students; plan, evaluate, and assign lessons; prepare, administer, and grade homework and tests; and maintain classroom discipline. In addition you will learn to prepare report cards and meet with parents and other school personnel to discuss students' progress or problems. Problem solving, decision-making skills, patience and creativity, as well as the power to influence, motivate, and train others are also emphasized.

## Where Could I Work?

Seventy percent of college graduates in this field work in education. Others are employed by private non-profit firms, are self-employed, or on rare occasions work in government jobs (The College Majors Handbook, 2004).

## What Job Opportunities Exist?

### Related Careers

According to a national survey of college graduates most graduates from bachelor's level elementary and secondary education programs work in occupations that are directly related to their undergraduate studies (The College Majors Handbook, 2004). Others pursue one of the following careers. Those with an \* may require an advanced degree.

- Career counselor\*
- Employment Interviewers
- University/ College Faculty\*
- Child Development Specialist\*
- Guidance Counselor\*
- Welfare Director
- Community Program Aide
- Personnel Manager
- Volunteer Services Director
- Education Administrators\*
- Library Consultant
- Training Specialist

### Employment Outlook

Through 2016 job opportunities for teachers will grow about as fast as the average. The number of teachers employed is dependent on State and local expenditures for education. "At the Federal level, there has been a large increase in funding for education, particularly for the hiring of qualified teachers in lower income areas. Also, some States are instituting programs to improve early childhood education, such as offering full day kindergarten and universal preschool (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09)." Teachers who are geographically mobile, have licenses in more than one subject, and/or are bilingual will be more marketable

### Salary Expectations

According to a survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers starting salaries for teacher education majors was \$29,097. Median annual earnings of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from \$43,580 to \$48,690, while median earnings for preschool teachers were \$22,680 (OOH, 2008-09).

## What Graduate/Professional School Opportunities Exist?

Many education majors pursue advanced degrees (The College Majors Handbook, 2004). Some pursue studies in one of the following areas. Two years of teaching experience may be required for some programs. Depending on the undergraduate emphasis, additional options could be available.

- Administration
- English Language/Literature
- Law
- Reading
- Special Education
- Business
- Guidance/ Counseling
- Psychology
- Secondary Education
- Bilingual Education

## Where Can I Get More Information?



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| Academic Advising at IUPUI      | <a href="http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/index.asp">http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/index.asp</a> |                       |
| Career Counseling at IUPUI      | <a href="http://uc.iupui.edu/students/career/index.asp">http://uc.iupui.edu/students/career/index.asp</a>       |                       |
| American Federation of Teachers | <a href="http://www.aft.org">http://www.aft.org</a>   |                       |