



What can I do with a major in **EDUCATION** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

The Education Department offers programs of study leading to teacher licensure for elementary, middle school and secondary school teaching. The candidate may also add concentrations in reading and special education to enhance job marketability. Students interested in Elementary or Middle School Teachers may major in Education. Students interested in one of the content fields for Secondary licensure must have a content area as their primary major (in one of the Arts and Sciences Departments other than Education), and Secondary Education as a "Complementary Major." Although most Education students go on to teach, there are other career possibilities included in this information.

Relevant skills for an EDUCATION major:

- ◆ Advise
- ◆ Analyze
- ◆ Answer questions
- ◆ Be creative
- ◆ Be dependable
- ◆ Communicate
- ◆ Coordinate
- ◆ Develop ideas
- ◆ Direct
- ◆ Evaluate
- ◆ Explain
- ◆ Have patience
- ◆ Inspire
- ◆ Instruct
- ◆ Interpret
- ◆ Make decisions
- ◆ Motivate
- ◆ Organize
- ◆ Plan
- ◆ Prepare reports
- ◆ Supervise
- ◆ Think quickly
- ◆ Understand
- ◆ Write
- ◆ and others!

Sample work activities for Graduates in EDUCATION (some may require an advanced degree)

Traditional

- Elementary School Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Middle School Teacher
- Physical Education Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Resource Teacher
- Teacher, Disabled Students
- Teacher, Industrial Arts and others!

Education Administration

- Alumni Relations Coordinator
- Athletic Coach
- Athletic Director
- Curriculum Specialist
- Educational Administrator
- Financial Aid Counselor
- Grant Writer
- Guidance Counselor
- Librarian
- Library Consultant
- Media Center Specialist
- Registrar/Admissions Director
- Student Personnel Administrator
- Student Affairs Administrator
- School Psychologist
- Special Education Administrator and others!

Other Education Settings

- Adventure & Outdoor Education
- Adult Education Teacher
- Child Life Specialist
- College/ University Instructor
- Day Care Administrator
- Preschool Administrator
- Religious Institution Education Coordinator
- Tutor and others!

Other Environments

- Children's Literature Specialist
- Education & Training Administrator
- Education Management Specialist
- Educational Materials
- Educational Researcher
- Educational Therapist
- Employee Training Instructor
- Historic Site Administrator
- Lobbyist
- Missionary Worker
- Sales Representative
- Social Services Volunteer
- Speech Pathologist
- Training Specialist
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and others!

Potential hiring institutions for EDUCATION majors:

- ◆ Adoption Agencies
- ◆ Bookstores
- ◆ Business and Industry
- ◆ Camps
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Colleges and Universities
- ◆ Community Centers
- ◆ Day Care Centers
- ◆ Pre Schools
- ◆ Educational Publishers
- ◆ Group Homes
- ◆ Hospitals
- ◆ Libraries
- ◆ Non-Profit Agencies
- ◆ Public & Private Schools
- ◆ State & Federal Government
- ◆ Youth Services
- ◆ and others!

Area of further education for EDUCATION majors:

- Adult Education
- Agricultural Education
- Area/Cultural Studies
- Art Education
- Business Administration
- Business Education
- Child & Family Studies
- Communication
- Community College Education
- Computer Education
- Counselor Education
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Developmental Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Education – General
- Education of the Gifted
- Education of the Multiply Handicapped
- Educational Administration
- Educational Measurement & Evaluation
- Educational Media/Instructional Technology
- Educational Psychology
- Elementary Education
- English as a Second Language
- English Education
- Environmental Education
- Exercise & Sports Science
- Foreign Languages Education
- Foundations & Philosophy of Education
- Health Education
- Higher Education
- History
- Home Economics Education
- Human Services
- Humanities
- International & Comparative Education
- Kinesiology & Movement Studies
- Language/Literature
- Law
- Leisure Studies
- Liberal Studies
- Mathematics Education
- Middle School Education
- Multilingual & Multicultural Education
- Museum Education
- Music Education
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Psychology/Counseling
- Reading Education
- Recreation & Park Management
- Religion
- Religious Education
- Science Education
- Secondary Education
- Social Sciences
- Social Sciences Education
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Sports Administration
- Theology
- Urban Education
- Vocational & Technical Education
- and others!

Sources of additional information for EDUCATION majors:

- VU Department of Education: <http://www.valpo.edu/education/>
- VU Majors & Areas of Study: <http://www.valpo.edu/cas/departments/education.html>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: the US Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles information about various occupations, including the nature of the work, the job outlook, the earnings, and other relevant information. <http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco1002.htm>
- American Federation of Teachers: represents teachers, school support staff, higher education faculty and staff, health care professionals, and state and federal employees. Site includes a teacher salary survey as well as grants & scholarships. <http://www.aft.org/>
- American Library Association: The voice of America's Libraries. Site includes a page on Education and one on Employment. <http://www.ala.org/>
- Careers in Education: provides a link between professionals, schools and school districts. <http://www.careersineducation.com/>
- K-12 jobs.com: Teaching opportunities, kindergarten through vocational schools. <http://k12jobs.com>
- National Association of Independent Schools: represent over 1,100 independent schools and associations in the U.S. and abroad. Can search for schools and includes a Careers page with job opportunities. <http://www.nais-schools.org/>

- National Education Association: America's oldest and largest organization committed to advancing the cause of public education. <http://www.nea.org/>
- Schools Online: sponsored by The Association of Boarding Schools. <http://www.schools.com/>
- Teach For America: Federal government-funded teaching opportunities. <http://www.teachforamerica.org>
- Teachers of English to Students of Other Languages: TESOL Career page that includes placement, employment and career information. <http://www.tesol.org>
- Teachers.net: Teacher resources, including teaching and administrative positions. <http://www.teachers.net/jobs>
- Teaching Jobs Overseas: International employment for teachers. <http://www.joyjobs.com/>
- Training & Development Community Center: gateway of resources for the Training & Development/Human Resources communities. Site includes a HR Careers page. <http://www.tcm.com/trdev/>
- U.S. Department of Education: to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence for all Americans. Site includes jobs at the Department of Education as well as relevant information for teachers. <http://www.ed.gov/>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>100 Best Nonprofits To Work For</i> • <i>101 Career Alternatives For Teachers : Exciting Job Opportunities For Teachers Outside The Teaching Profession</i> • <i>101 Grade A Resumes For Teachers</i> • <i>Abc's Of Job-Hunting For Teachers</i> • <i>Book Of U.S. Government Jobs : Where They Are, What's Available, And How To Get One</i> • <i>Career Opportunities In Education</i> • <i>Expert Resumes For Teachers And Educators</i> • <i>Federal Personnel Guide 2003</i> • <i>Graduate Programs In Education</i> • <i>Graduate Programs In Psychology</i> • <i>GRE Exam 2003</i> • <i>Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities</i> • <i>Opportunities In Educational Support Careers</i> • <i>Opportunities In Government Careers</i> • <i>Opportunities In Recreation And Leisure Careers</i> • <i>Opportunities In Social Science Careers</i> • <i>Opportunities In Social Work Careers</i> • <i>Opportunities In Teaching Careers</i> • <i>Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work</i> • <i>Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences</i> • <i>Resumes For Education Careers</i> • <i>and others!</i> |
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