

## What can I do with a major in “Early Childhood Education”?

### The University of Georgia Career Center

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

#### Description of Education

Teachers can have great impact on the social, personal, and intellectual development of individuals. Their influence stems from a love of learning, a talent for awakening students to new modes of thinking, an understanding of the human development process, and professional skills. Teachers can be found in almost every sector of society, and they instruct a wide range of topics. While specific course requirements vary among disciplines, most teachers will fulfill the academic requirements of a major in a chosen field, will be literate in the history, philosophy, psychology, sociology and methodology of education, and have developed initial teaching skills through supervised clinical experiences. Although certification is required for public school teachers (K-12) in all 50 states, some states offer alternative teacher certification programs to attract otherwise qualified persons into the field. Aspiring teachers who need certification may also enter programs that grant a master's degree in education, as well as certification.

#### Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers) O\*NET

<http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations) Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest) Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search) **\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

#### Teacher preparation is offered in the following areas

Business Education  
Early Childhood  
English Education  
Foreign Language  
Education

Marketing Education  
Math Education  
Middle School  
Pre-Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Grade

Science Education  
Social Science  
Education  
Special Education  
Technological Studies

#### Possible Job Titles of Education Graduates

(\*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Alumni Relations  
Coordinator  
Apartment Manager\*  
Assistant Account  
Executive\*  
Athletic Coach  
Camp Director\*  
Child Life Specialist  
Computer Graphics  
Instructor\*  
Credit Manager\*  
Customer Service  
Representative\*  
Education & Training  
Administrator  
Educational Materials

Coordinator  
Educational Therapist  
Employee Training  
Instructor  
Flight Attendant\*  
Information Specialist\*  
In-Home Daycare\*  
Instructor\*  
Interior Designer\*  
Interventionist\*  
Learning Specialist\*  
Library Assistant\*  
Management Trainee\*  
Missionary Worker

Outdoor Educator  
Permanent Substitute\*  
Personnel Consultant\*  
Project Coordinator\*  
Religious Education  
Coordinator  
Resource Teacher  
Section Supervisor\*  
Social Services Volunteer  
Teacher\*

## **Possible Employers of Education Graduates**

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Amazon.com*	Consulting Firms	Hancock County Schools*
American Air Lines*	Dekalb Technical	HealthSouth Corp*
Atlanta Veterans	College* Easter Seals	Hospitals
Administrative*	Head Start* Educational	Human Resource Offices
Barrow County Schools*	Publishers	Libraries
Belks*	Emory University*	Madison County Schools*
Business and Industry	Ethan Allen, Inc*	Montgomery County
Camps	First Baptist Church of	Schools* Morgan County
Campus Crusade for	Decatur*	Board of Ed.* Newton
Christ*	Flowers Inc*	County Board of Ed.*
Champions for Children*	The Goddard School*	Non-Profit Agencies
Churches	Griffin-Spalding County	Oconee County Schools*
Clarke County Schools*	Schools*	Primrose Pre-K*
Colleges and Universities	Gwinnett County	Private Tutoring Agencies
Community Centers	Schools*	Professional Organizations
Public & Private Schools	Hall County School	White County
Public Relations Firms	System*	Schools Woodward
Savannah Country Day*	Textbook Companies	Academy*
Social Circle City	Tift County Board of	Youth Service
Schools*	Ed.*	Centers
State & Federal	Wal-Mart Pharmacy *	
Government	Waseca Learning	
	Environment*	
	Webster Groves	
	Schools*	

## **Career Center Library Resources**

*Opportunities in Teaching Careers* by Fine, Janet

*Inside Secrets to Finding a Teaching Job* by Warner, Jack & Bryan, Clyde

*The Making of a Teacher* by Feistrizzer, C. Emily

*Opportunities in Education Careers* by Eberts, Marjorie & McGowan, Mary

## **Campus Resources**

Kappa Delta Epsilon (KDE) - <http://www.uga.edu/kde/>

Kappa Delta Pi (KDPi) - <http://www.kdp.org/>

Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE) - <http://www.pagefoundation.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=6>

## **Employment Websites**

**TeachGeorgia** – <http://www.teachgeorgia.org/home.aspx>

**U.S. Department of Education** - <http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>

**Georgia Department of Education** - <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/>

**Yahoo! Education Links** - <http://dir.yahoo.com/Education>

**The International Educator** - <http://www.tieonline.com/>

**The University of Northern Iowa Overseas Placement Services** - <http://www.uni.edu/placement/overseas>

**The American Association for Employment in Education** - <http://www.aae.org>

**Southeastern Association for Employment in Education** - <http://www.sae.org>

**Teachers-Teachers** - <http://www.teachers-teachers.com>

## **Additional Resources**

**American Association of School Administrators** - <http://www.aasa.org/>

**American Educational Research Association** - <http://www.aera.net>

**American Federation of Teachers** - <http://www.aft.org/about/>

**National Education Association** - <http://www.nea.org/index.html>