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

Description of Early Childhood 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.

Researching Job Titles and Careers
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)
Georgia Career Information Center http://www.gxic.peachnet.edu (accessible only on campus computers)
Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)
Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

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To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

**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

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at - http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html
Connect with your Career Consultant http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants

**Employment Websites**

**GENERAL:**
CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)
DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)
GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)
Idealist www.idealist.org/ (nonprofit jobs)
USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

**MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:**
Council for Exceptional Children Job Board http://jobboard.specialedcareers.org/
Georgia Charter Schools Association http://www.gacharters.org
Georgia Department of Education http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/
Georgia Independent School Association http://www.gisaschools.org
Register onto SchoolSpring http://www.schoolspring.com/
Southern Teachers Agency (private schools) http://www.southernteachers.com/
Teachers-Teaching jobs http://www.teachers-teaching.com
TeachGeorgia Georgia’s Official Teacher Recruitment Website http://www.teachgeorgia.org/home.aspx
The American Association for Employment in Education (AAEE) http://www.aaee.org
The International Educator http://www.tieonline.com/

**Professional Information Resources**
American Association of School Administrators http://www.aasa.org/
American Federation of Teachers http://www.aft.org/about/
Council for Exceptional Children http://www.cec.sped.org/
National Association for the Education of Young Children http://www.naeyc.org/
National Association of Early Childhood Education http://www.naecte.org/
National Education Association http://www.nea.org/index.html
The Southern Early Childhood Association http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

**Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:**

**How to Pursue Additional Careers in Education:**
Seeking jobs outside of teaching and/or education?
Additional career opportunities with an Education degree are out there! First, you need to consider a few things:
1. What are your interests?
2. What skills and abilities have you been using in your current job?
3. Who is in your network?
What are Your Interests?:
Several Interest inventories exist that can help you clearly assess your interests. The Career Center offers the Strong Interest Inventory, TypeFocus, and Focus 2, which can be used for this purpose. For additional information on these assessments, go to http://career.uga.edu/majors_careers/assessments.
In addition, the O-Net (http://www.onetonline.org/) can be used to informally assess interests and match interests with careers.

What are Your Skills and Abilities?:
In your previous or current jobs or experiences, you have utilized and/or mastered skills that you’ve enjoyed. Consider your involvement in a campus or community organization. Did you enjoy using interpersonal skills, public speaking, organizational skills, or event planning? Using the list below of typical skills used in education, highlight those that apply to you.

- Instructing/Training
- Learning Strategies
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Adaptable/Flexible
- Use of technology
- Critical Thinking
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Time Management
- Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work
- Getting Information/Research
- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates
- Coaching and Developing Others
- Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships
- Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge
- Documenting/Recording Information
- Thinking Creatively
- Identifying Objects, Actions, and Events
- Communication skills
- Collaboration
- Patience

Who is in YOUR Network?:
Do you know family or friends who are in a career that you find interesting or exciting? Set up an informal informational interview with him or her and find out about the ins and outs of the job. Is it possible for you to shadow him or her for a day/week? Remember, it’s impossible for someone to help you if you’re not asking for help.

What are other UGA Education Graduates doing?
Get inspired! Seek out other UGA Education graduates who have made a career move. LinkedIn is a great way to explore additional careers. Join the University of Georgia Alumni Association Group on LinkedIn to connect with members.

Additional Careers:
- Education Administration
- Instructional Coordinator
- Sales Executive
- Marketing Manager
- Academic Advisor
- Corporate Trainer
- Education Policy Advisor
- Distance Education & Instructional Designer
- eLearning Developer
- Education/Outreach Coordinator
- Event Planner
- Educational Research Associate
- Camp Director