

What can I do with a major in “Special Education”?

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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 Special Education

The special education program prepares teachers and teacher-educators, and provides leadership in the field at local, state, national and international levels. Its graduate programs are perennially ranked among the top 20 in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*. The special education program prepares highly skilled teachers and teacher-educators, and provides leadership in the field at local, state, national and international levels to assist individuals with disabilities in acquiring greater independence in an increasingly diverse, technological, and literacy-intensive global community.

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	Math Education	Social Science
Early Childhood	Middle School	Education
English Education	Pre-Kindergarten-	Special Education
Foreign Language	Second Grade	Technological Studies
Education	Science Education	

Possible Job Titles of Special Education Graduates

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

Alumni Relations	Administrator	Management Trainee*
Coordinator	Educational Materials	Missionary Worker
Apartment Manager*	Coordinator	Outdoor Educator
Assistant Account	Educational Therapist	Personnel Consultant*
Executive*	Employee Training	Project Coordinator*
Athletic Coach	Instructor	Religious Education
Camp Director*	Flight Attendant*	Coordinator
Child Life Specialist	Information Specialist*	Resource Teacher
Computer Graphics	In-Home Daycare*	Section Supervisor*
Instructor*	Interior Designer*	Social Services Volunteer
Credit Manager*	Learning Specialist*	
Customer Service	Library Assistant*	

Possible Employers of Special Education Graduates

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Amazon.com*	Dawson County Board of Ed.*	Oglethorpe County Board of Ed.*
American Air Lines*	Educational Publishers	Private Tutoring Agencies
Atlanta Area School for the Deaf*	Emory University*	Professional Organizations
Atlanta Veterans Administrative*	Ethan Allen, Inc*	Public & Private Schools
Barrow County Schools*	Evans County Board of Ed.*	Public Relations Firms
Belks*	First Baptist Church of Decatur*	Savannah Country Day*
Business and Industry	Flowers Inc*	State & Federal Government
Camps	Gwinnett County Public Schools*	Tattnall County Board of Ed.*
Campus Crusade for Christ*	HealthSouth Corp*	Textbook Companies
Cedar Shoals High School*	Hospitals	Wal-Mart Pharmacy *
Churches	Human Resource Offices	Waseca Learning Environment*
Clarke County Schools*	Jackson County School System*	Woodward Academy*
Colleges and Universities	Liberty County School Systems*	Youth Service Centers
Community Centers	Libraries	
Consulting Firms	Non-Profit Agencies	
	Oconee County School	

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 Feistrizer, 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/spage/>

Employment Websites

TeachGeorgia – Georgia’s Official Teacher Recruitment Website: <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.aeee.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>