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 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.

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.gcic.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”)

Possible Job Titles

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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 Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)** http://www.coe.uga.edu/csse/students/current-sp ed-students/
- **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-Teachers jobs** http://www.teachers-teachers.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 Educational Research Association** http://www.aera.net
- **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 Association of Special Education Teachers** http://www.naset.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](http://career.uga.edu/majors_careers/assessments).

In addition, the O-Net ([http://www.onetonline.org/](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](https://www.linkedin.com) is a great way to explore additional careers. Join the [University of Georgia Alumni Association Group](https://www.linkedin.com/groups) 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