EDUCATION
What can I do with this degree?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES

K-12

Teaching
    Pre-school
    Elementary
    Middle
    Secondary

Administration
    Principalship
    Superintendency

Special Services
    Guidance Counseling
    School Psychology
    School Social Work
    Occupational and Physical Therapy
    Audiology and Speech Pathology
    Library/Information Services
    Special Education
    Curriculum Supervision
    Subject Area Supervision

EMPLOYERS (K-12):

Elementary, middle and secondary schools: public, private, Montessori, etc.
Day care centers and nursery schools
Boards of Education

STRATEGIES (K-12):

Complete a college level teacher preparation program.
Obtain teaching certificate/license for desired subject area and/or grade level. Requirements for certification/licensure vary by state.
Obtain dual certification for better employability.
Private schools may not require certification or licensure. Obtain master's degree in subject area for increased employability.
Get involved in student teacher organizations.
Acquire teaching experience. Obtain Ph.D. and certificate in school administration.

Graduate study required for "special service" fields. Obtain master's degree in area to become specialist. Requirements for certification and/or accreditation vary by state.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Teaching
Research
Administration
Student Affairs
Information/Library Services

EMPLOYERS (Higher Education):

Four-year colleges and universities
Two-year and community colleges
Technical schools
Medical and professional schools

STRATEGIES (Higher Education):

Earn Ph.D. to teach and research at four-year institutions. Master's or Ph.D. degree is required to teach at two-year schools.
Earn a Ph.D. in higher education administration for upper level positions in university administration.
Earn master's in student personnel, student development, or counseling for student affairs positions.
Obtain master's in library/information sciences.
Gain related experience through student positions such as Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, etc.
Seek leadership roles in campus organizations.

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION Inservice Education Staff Development Professional Development Leisure-oriented Education GED Preparation Literacy Development English as a Second Language	K-12 school systems Boards of Education Colleges and universities Two-year and technical schools Community organizations: YMCA, Red Cross, etc. Correctional institutions Hospitals Museums Professional associations Nursing homes/Adult day care Vocational services	Attain a master's or Ph.D. degree in adult education or a graduate degree in a subject or specialized area. Gain a reputation of expertise and experience in a subject, profession, art, craft or trade. Obtain teaching or instructional experience. May need certification or accreditation.
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY Training and Development Human Resources Sales Customer Service Publishing and Technical Writing Consulting	Public and private corporations Consulting firms Marketing companies Bookstores Publishers: Textbook, newspaper, magazine, book Test-preparation companies Software companies Staffing agencies	Take some general business and computer courses. Earn a graduate degree in human resource development. Gain experience in organizational development or marketing. Become current with business and industry literature and news. Learn desktop publishing and other software packages.
GOVERNMENT Administration Planning Evaluation Management Research and Writing Teaching Social Work	Federal government agencies: Department of Education Department of Defense Overseas schools for military dependents Department of Labor Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) Health and Human Services Library of Congress National Archives National Science Foundation National Endowment for the Arts National Endowment for the Humanities Peace Corps Social service agencies Vista State and local government	Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures. Gain experience and an advanced, typically Ph.D., degree for top positions in government.

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NONPROFIT

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
Teaching or Training	Adoption agencies	Gain experience through volunteer work or internships.
Programming	Scouts	
Public Relations	Camps	Develop writing and public speaking skills.
Administration	United Way agencies	Learn to work with people of different ages and backgrounds.
Fundraising	YMCA/YWCA	
	Group homes	Add additional coursework in area of interest such as human services, counseling or psychology.
	Mental health clinics	
	Community recreation centers	Consider certification in special education for greater employablity.
	Other public or private social service organizations	

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Develop excellent communication skills, verbal and written.
- Develop good computer skills.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm and energy for the field.
- Need desire to work with and help people.
- Obtain part-time, summer, internship, or volunteer experience with the age group you intend to work with in various settings: pre-schools, daycares, camps, community agencies, adult centers, YMCA's, etc.
- Participate in co-curricular activities and related organizations to broaden skills and interests.
- Decide on level of teaching and specific area of interest.
- Bachelor's degree is sufficient for certification/licensure to teach K-12 in most states. Obtain a master's degree for advancement and increased earning potential. Advanced degree required for specialists, education administration, college teaching and other professional positions.
- For career options outside of education, identify transferable skills learned in teaching that are applicable to alternative careers: effective communication both verbal and written, teaching and instruction, program planning, organization and record-keeping, working under pressure and meeting deadlines, motivational skills, creativity, working autonomously, decision-making, problem solving, and research skills.