



# Internship and Career Services Industry Guide: Careers in Education

## OVERVIEW

An educator does much more than teach – they are leaders, developers, and role models with expertise. As a student in the field of education, you’ve learned skills that you can use in a career as a traditional teacher or apply to any number of different fields such as management, public policy, higher education, and more!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN EDUCATION?

Many skills developed in educational fields can be applied to almost any other field. Should you choose to use your education degree in a more traditional educational field, there are many roles, environments, and fields from which to choose.

## CAREERS IN EDUCATION:

<b>Instruction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K-12 Education</li><li>• English as a New Language Teacher</li><li>• Preschool Teacher</li><li>• Reading Specialist</li><li>• Special Education Teacher</li><li>• Instructional Coach</li><li>• Training Specialist or Coordinator</li></ul>
<b>Administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principal</li><li>• Assistant Principal</li><li>• School-district administrator</li><li>• Superintendent</li><li>• Private school dean</li><li>• Director of admissions</li><li>• Preschool director</li><li>• Day Care Administrator</li></ul>
<b>District Leadership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Superintendent</li><li>• Curriculum Director</li><li>• Instructional Technology</li></ul>
<b>Child &amp; Adolescent Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Counselor</li><li>• School Psychologist</li><li>• Guidance Counselor</li></ul>
<b>Higher Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor or Lecturer</li><li>• Administrative, Student Support, or other Non-Academic Staff</li></ul>



## ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR A CAREER IN EDUCATION:

Curiosity | Creativity | Communication | Critical Thinking | Patience | Adaptable | Passion | Trustworthiness | Organization | Time Management | Decision Making

## WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

Shadow a Current Teacher: The best way to learn about a career in education is to learn from an educator! Reach out to your former teachers, contact local schools, or see if any of your education professors can connect you with a teacher who is willing to let you spend a day or more shadowing in their classroom.

Volunteer in a School: Contact local schools to see if they have a volunteering program at their schools or after-school programs. Many schools utilize community members as volunteer tutors, mentors, or club leaders.

Become a Substitute Teacher: In Indiana, substitute teacher must have a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate, be 18 years of age or older, and meet the requirements per the district. Education students apply to become a substitute teacher and “sub” in classes during college breaks to gain first-hand experience of classroom management.

Become a Student Teacher: As a Butler student, you will complete at least one semester as a full-time student teacher. Application, placement, and expectations are handled through the Butler University College of Education (COE). Contact the COE with any questions about your student teaching experience.

Continue your Education: There are many reasons why current and aspiring teachers pursue a master’s degree in education. The most common goals of graduate education students range from enhancing salaries to making career switches and from maintaining a teaching certification to indulging a lifelong love of learning. If you’re wondering if graduate school is the right choice for you, consider whether the following benefits of earning a master’s degree in education match your career goals.

### Online Resources:

[Butler University College of Education - Faculty & Staff](#)

[Butler University College of Education: Core IV - Student Teaching Internship](#)

[Butler University Internship and Career Services Guide to Professional Success](#)

[Which Education Career Path is Best for You? \(capella.edu\)](#)

[What Can I Do with an Education Major? \(whatcanidowiththismajor.com\)](#)

[Careers in Education \(bestcolleges.com\)](#)

[Substitute Teaching Permits \(doe.in.gov\)](#)

[How to Become a Teacher \(teachercertificationdegrees.com\)](#)

[Education Skills and Related Careers \(pfw.edu\)](#)

[Beyond the Blackboard: 42 Alternative Jobs for Education Majors \(collegexpress.com\)](#)