Industry Overview: Education

Education is one of the steadiest and fastest growing industries in the country with a strong job outlook for the foreseeable future. Opportunities in education range widely, and include positions as guidance counselors, administrators, school nurses, human resources staff, and, of course, teachers. Other career areas within education include educational evaluation and consultation, instructional design, test development, assessment and training for workplace performance, and education policy.

Learn more about the variety of careers within the field of education through a review of the “Teaching” career or occupational profile on Vault and the education career overview at WetFeet: https://www.wetfeet.com/articles/industry-overview-education.

Ave Maria students can major or minor in K – 6th Grade Education beginning in Fall 2013. Until accreditation is official graduates will still need to pursue alternative certification while employed by private or parochial schools or obtain a Masters in Teaching at another University. State by State Certification Standards and Information: http://www.academploy.com/certif.cfm or http://education.uky.edu/AcadServ/content/50-states-certification-requirements.

Students interested in obtaining a Florida teaching certification must complete a Florida teaching application, take and pass the FTCE General Knowledge Test, the Subject Area Knowledge Test, and Professional Preparation Exam. Students should pursue an alternative certification program as listed on the Florida Department of Education website (www.fldoe.org/edcert/mat_prof.asp) to complete requirements for Florida teacher certification.

Job Seeker Tips:
If it’s a teaching role you seek, your resume should demonstrate a commitment to and interest in teaching. This can be accomplished by a track record of working with children, tutoring experience, teaching experience, leadership skills and a strong academic history. While some schools and positions will require a specific set of prerequisite knowledge in a subject area, many opportunities are available to those with general liberal arts backgrounds and no more than a bachelor’s degree.

Relevant Example Experiences:
- Academic subject tutor (at any level)
- Athletic team participation and/or coaching
- Babysitting
- Camp Counselor
- Class presentations, teacher’s aide roles
- Life Guard
- Resident Assistant
- Theater Performer
- Volunteering with organizations like Boys & Girls Club, Girl/Boy Scouts
- Volunteering with Youth Ministry, Sunday School or Church Nursery

You will need to have a firm grasp of your educational values and teaching philosophy and be prepared to articulate it in writing as well as conversationally. Interpersonal skills and demonstrated initiative are key. You should discuss your goals with professors as you will most likely need letters of recommendation for teaching positions or post-graduation education programs.
Summer Teaching Experience:
If being a camp counselor or tutor doesn’t appeal to you, consider these summer opportunities for gaining teaching experience prior to graduation:

- Breakthrough Collaborative: http://www.breakthroughcollaborative.org/teach/apply
- Choate Rosemary School: http://www.choate.edu/summerprograms/teachersinterns.aspx
- Phillips Exeter Academy: http://www.exeter.edu/summer_programs/7324_7451.aspx

Teaching Jobs:
While public schools almost always require state certification and a degree in education many charter and private schools do not. In addition to the private and parochial school circuit, there are a number of teaching fellowship and service opportunities that do not require certification.

Application deadlines tend to occur in the early part of the year (January – March) with a few occurring earlier; other programs accept applicants on a rolling basis. Individual schools will post needs as they become aware of them, which, in many cases, may not be until the end of the school year.

Review the links below to find full-time opportunities across the country and the world:

**Teaching/Service:**
- Andover Teaching Fellow Program: http://www.andover.edu/Pages/default.aspx
- Citizen Schools: http://www.citizenschools.org/careers/teaching-associate/
- City on a Hill: http://www.cityonahill.org/tutor_full_time.php
- City Teaching Fellows: https://www.nycteachingfellows.com/Default.aspx (many cities across the US have teaching fellowships available)
- City Year: http://www.cityyear.org/CityYear/Home_New_2011/Home_B_2011.aspx
- Cristo Rey: http://www.cristoreynetwork.org/
- MATCH: http://matcheducation.org/about-us
- Math for America: http://www.mathforamerica.org/home
- Paraclete Academy: http://www.paraclete.org/academy/become-a-teacher/
- Teach for America: http://www.teachforamerica.org
- Teach NOLA: http://www.teachnola.org

**Directories & Information:**
- CatholicJobs.com – many schools and diocese post teacher positions here
- Charter Schools: http://www.charterschoolcenter.org/ (no jobs here, but use the site to access the individual websites of charter schools)
- Graduate School: http://mastersineducationguide.com/ (view the Job Resources tab)
- National Job Board: http://www.Teachers-Teachers.com
- Private Schools: http://www.educationseek.com/ (private school directory)
- Private Schools: http://www.privateschoolreview.com/ (information to prepare for interviews)

**Other Opportunities:**
- English as a Second Language: http://www.eslemployment.com/
- Institute of Reading Development: http://instituteofreadingdevelopmentteachingjobs.com/
- Teaching overseas: http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/schools/oteaching.html
Placement Agencies:

- Carney Sandoe & Associates
- Southern Teachers Agencies
- The Education Group

Part-time Options:
- Substitute teaching: http://www.nstasubs.org/
- Tutor: http://www.care.com/tutoring-jobs

Post-graduation Service/Teaching:
The following programs provide the opportunity to receive further education in the form of a certification or Master’s degree while at the same time providing the opportunity for real-world teaching experience often in a missionary-type setting:

- Boston College: Urban Catholic Teacher Corps: http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/cce/uctc.html
- Creighton: http://www.creighton.edu/magis/
- Lalanne (University of Dayton): http://www.udayton.edu/education/cce/lalanne/
- LANCE (Christian Brothers University): http://www.cbu.edu/lance/overview.html
- Loyola: http://www.luc.edu/education/spgrm_luchoice.shtml
- Notre Dame ACE program: www.nd.edu/~ace
- Notre Dame of Maryland: http://www.ndm.edu/academics/school-of-education/operation-teach/
- Portland: http://education.up.edu/pace/default.aspx?cid=11288&pid=6281&gd=yes
- Providence: http://www.providence.edu/pact/Pages/default.aspx
- Seton Hall: http://www.shu.edu/academics/education/certificates.cfm

Graduate School:
The following is a listing of traditional Masters in Education or Masters in Teaching programs compiled from the schools that have sent information to Ave Maria. It is by no means exhaustive and students are advised to perform an evaluation of graduation school programs in Education at GradSchools.com or Petersons.com. Students wishing to teach at the University level should pursue a Ph.D. in their subject area. Many community colleges will hire professors with only a Master’s degree.

- Aquinas College: http://www.aquinascollege.edu/academics/graduate-studies/school-of-education/
- Saint Michael’s College: http://www.smcyt.edu/Academics/Graduate-Programs.aspx
- Saint Leo University: http://www.saintleo.edu/academics/graduate/education.aspx
- Florida Gulf Coast University: http://coe.fgcu.edu/
- Nova Southeastern University: http://www.fischlerschool.nova.edu/prospective-students/masters
- Teacher Immersion Program (State of Florida certification): http://coe.fgcu.edu/
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Non-teaching Positions in Education:
In higher education a number of student affairs and admissions roles require only a bachelor’s degree. Students may also consider researching career opportunities at non-profits or think tanks that deal with education policy.

- Higher Education Administration: http://www.higheredjobs.com
- Kaplan: http://www.kaplan.com/careers-at-kaplan/career-areas
- Princeton Review: https://www1.apply2jobs.com/PrincetonReview/ProfExt/index.cfm?fuseaction=mExternal.showSearchInterface
- Student Life/Residence Life: http://jobs.studentaffairs.com/
- Teach for America (search for non-teacher positions): https://teachforamerica.taleo.net/careersection/01/moresearch.ftl?lang=en

Professional Associations:
Most professional organizations provide a wealth of industry information useful to a potential job seeker. In addition, look for student sections to find entry-level information, discounted membership rates and networking opportunities. Some sites will also have a careers section that lists jobs.

- American Association for Employment in Education
- American Council on Education
- American Federation of Teachers
- Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education
- National Catholic Education Association
- National Education Association
- National Head Start Association
- National Middle School Association
- Public Education Network

Career Counseling and Guidance:
The above resources are meant to provide a basis for discovering career and internship opportunities in the field of education and teaching. To evaluate the industry as a possible career and learn more about the education classes offered at Ave Maria and experiential learning opportunities at the Donahue Academy, schedule a time to meet with Professor Denise Donohue, denise.donohue@avemaria.edu.

Individual appointments to assess applications, review search strategies, provide interview prep and networking assistance can be made with a Career Counselor and scheduled online: https://avemariacareerservices.acuityscheduling.com.

Students are advised to conduct a general search utilizing the job board at www.CollegeCentral.com/AveMaria as many Catholic schools across the country contact AMU with job listings and post there.

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