What Can I Do With A Major In: Teaching and Educational Programs

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DESCRIPTION

We strive to prepare highly effective and ethical graduates that are inspired to be lifelong learners, engaged in the community, and empowered to become leaders who strive to transform the future. Here, you will work alongside faculty, instructors, and cooperating teachers who are dedicated to improving schooling and fostering your professional growth. Our programs combine challenging educational and academic coursework with guided experiences in area public schools.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Academic Advisor
Arts Director
Assistant Language Teacher
Author
Bibliographer
Camp Director
Communications Specialist
Copy Editor
Education Materials Coordinator
Education Therapist
Education/Training Coordinator
Employee Training Instructor
Foreign Correspondent
Human Resources Specialist
In-Home Daycare Instructor
Interpreter
Language Arts Teacher
Librarian
Mathematics Teacher
Missionary Worker
Outdoor Educator
Paraprofessional
Personnel Consultant
Principal
Publicity Coordinator
Reading Teacher
Religious Educator
Research Journalist
Science Teacher
Social Studies
Substitute Teacher
Social Services
Technical Writer

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?

Libraries | Non-profit agencies | Government agencies | Schools and universities | Community centers | Educational publishers | Youth service centers

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

The Office of Field Experience helps students with their placements. The office arranges placement opportunities for WCU teacher education students to complete course assignments in public schools. They administer the application process, criminal background check reporting, time logs, diversity experiences and university supervision of internships/student teaching. They also update the Internship/Student Teaching Handbook and work with WCU and P-12 faculty and administrators to resolve placement issues. If you have any more questions be sure to contact the Office of Field Experience

WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?

Independent Worker | Information Handling & Organization | Curiosity and Creativity | Social Awareness | Oral & Written Communication | Flexibility | Engaging Communications | Innovative Talents | Problem Solving | Persistence and Patience | Teamwork

KNOWLEDGE

1. Effective communicators. Students will speak and write effectively.
2. Ability to be flexible with plans and schedules, and keep a plan moving along.
3. Decision makers and problem solvers. Students will be able to identify needed actions or presented problems, find and use appropriate information to address the action or problem, identify alternative solutions, and make decisions.
4. Effective group members. Students will work effectively in groups.
5. Knowledgeable about patience and balancing emotions. Students can keep a calm classroom while teaching.
6. Knowledgeable of presenting lessons in an enthusiastic way.

Interested in the classes you'll be taking? Check out your concentration information here:
http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/MG_AcademicConcentrationInfo.pdf

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- Association for Middle Level Education - https://www.amle.org
- North Carolina Association for Middle Level Education - http://ncmle.org
- National Middle School Association - http://www.nasbe.org/contact-us/directory/connect-with-other-education-orgs/national-middle-school-association/
- 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 INFORMATION SOURCES

- Occupational Outlook Handbooks from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/middle-school-teachers.htm
- Read NC state requirements about taking the Praxis exam in North Carolina: https://www.ets.org/praxis/nc/requirements

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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