

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

EDUCATION: ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY

Elementary education focuses on preparing students to teach young children from kindergarten through sixth grade, emphasizing foundational skills in literacy, numeracy, and social development. Secondary education trains students to teach youth in middle and high schools, specializing in a specific subject area such as Math, Science, or English. UNO offers a variety of secondary endorsement options.

COMMON JOB TITLES * additional education or certification required post graduation

ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS

Elementary School Teacher
Middle School Teacher
High School Teacher
Reading Specialist*
Adult Education Instructor*
School Counselor*

Youth Program Coordinator
Training & Development Specialist
Academic Advisor*
Childcare Center Director
Instructional Coordinator*
Education Consultant

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK?

K-12 Public Schools
K-12 Private Schools
Nonprofit Organizations
Tutoring Centers
Hospitals

Government
Universities & Colleges
Test Prep Companies
Education Companies
Childcare Centers

IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

Transferable Skills Gained:

Communication Skills
Problem-Solving
Adaptability
Leadership
Organization & Instructional Skills

Concrete Skills Gained:

Microsoft Applications
Classroom Management
Lesson Planning
Research Assessment
Curriculum Development

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Join the **Nebraska State Education Association** to gain support with professional growth opportunities and various benefits

Get involved with a **UNO Student Organization** to connect with other students and develop new perspectives

Participate with an organization in the **UNO College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences** to expand your knowledge about specific interests

Consider earning your local **Sub Permit**

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OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

[Elementary School Teachers \(K-6\)](#)
[High School Teachers \(7-12\)](#)
[Instructional Coordinators](#)
[Training & Development Specialists](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to accounting jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The **BSED degree in Elementary Education** allows UNO to recommend graduates for Nebraska licensure (K - 6). In addition, candidates must pass the Praxis II exam. Students should speak with an academic advisor for more information.

The **BSED degree certificate in Secondary Education** allows UNO to recommend graduates for Nebraska licensure (5-9, 7-12, or PK-12) in secondary content areas such as Social Studies, English Language Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, etc. In addition, candidates must pass the Praxis II exam - Content Specific Exam in their selected endorsement. Students should speak with an academic advisor for more information.

More Information:

[Educator Certification Checklist](#)
[Praxis II Content Test](#)
[Endorsement Options](#)
[Educator Preparation Program Application](#)

Graduate School:

Pursuing a master's degree in education can open numerous career opportunities and provide advanced knowledge and skills that enhance your teaching practice

More Information:

[UNO Graduate Teacher Education](#)

OTHER RESOURCES :


[UNO Department of Teacher Education](#)
[Career Exploration in Career Services](#)
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)


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Book an appointment with your [Advisor](#)

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