

# 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 older children in middle and high schools, specializing in a specific subject area such as Math, Science, or English.

### COMMON JOB TITLES \* additional education or certification required post graduation

#### ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS

Elementary School Teacher\*  
High School Teacher\*  
Principal/Assistant Principal\*  
Instructional Coordinator\*  
Adult Education Instructor\*  
Youth Program Coordinator  
Education Consultant

Middle School Teacher\*  
Education Administrator\*  
Reading Specialist\*  
Training & Development Specialist  
Academic Advisor  
Childcare Center Director  
School Counselor\*

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

K-12 Public Schools: Omaha Public Schools, Millard, Papillion  
K-12 Private Schools: Omaha Catholic Schools, Lifegate Christian  
Nonprofit Organizations: Completely KIDS, Hope Center for Kids  
Tutoring Centers: Sylvan Learning, Mathnasium, Huntington Learning Center  
Hospitals: Children's Hospital, Nebraska Methodist

Government: NE Dept. of Education, Dept. of Defense, NE Dept. of Labor  
Universities & Colleges: UNO, Metro CC, UNL  
Test Prep Companies: Kaplan Test Prep, The Princeton Review  
Education Companies: Pearson, Cambium Learning Group  
Childcare Centers: YMCA, Premier Academy

### IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

#### Transferable Skills Gained:

Communication Skills  
Problem-Solving  
Adaptability  
Leadership  
Organization & Instructional Skills

#### Concrete Skills Gained:

Microsoft Applications  
Google Suite  
Google Scholar  
Canva  
Common Curriculum

### 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

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## MAJOR + MINOR SPECIALIZATION: HOW CAN I SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATE? \* additional education or certification required post graduation

Elementary Education/Secondary Education + Public Administration minor = Training & Development Specialist

Elementary Education/Secondary Education + English minor = Reading Specialist\*

Elementary Education/Secondary Education + Leadership/Public Policy minor = Principal\*

## OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Elementary School Teachers

High School Teachers

Instructional Coordinators

Principals

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 EDUCATION:

The **BSED degree in Elementary Education** allows UNO to recommend graduates for Nebraska licensure (B-3, PK - 3, K-6). In addition, candidates must pass the Praxis II - Elementary Education: Curriculum and Instruction Assessment (5017) with a score of 153 or higher to meet state licensure requirements.

The **BSED degree certificate in Secondary Education** allows UNO to recommend graduates for Nebraska licensure (5-9, 7-12, 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 - Content Specific Exam in their selected endorsement.

### More Information:

Educator Certification Checklist

Praxis II Content Test

### 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


## NEED SOME EXTRA HELP?


Book an appointment with Career Services

Book an appointment with your Advisor

### Career Services

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