

Education

Industry Snapshot



Most everyone knows what education means. After all, we've been touched by formal education since we attended preschool. For that matter, if your parents ever read you a bedtime story, you were being taught about the world around you. Training to be an educator is just as wide-reaching and important.

Educational training provides instruction at all academic levels from preschool and elementary and high schools, to colleges, universities, trade schools, tutoring, and counseling. It is also one of the fastest growing industries in the U.S.—experts estimate that between 2008 and 2018, jobs in education will increase more than 26%.

The fastest growing jobs in education include preschool teachers, elementary teachers, middle school teachers, and college professors. Careers in education are growing because more workers are returning to school to enhance

or update their skills, there are more federal standards that have to be met, and a high percentage of Baby Boomer teachers will retire in the coming years. Most jobs in education require a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

Essential Industry Skills

For anyone who plans to enter the job market in this field, a strong knowledge base in English, math, psychology and sociology, along with instruction, active listening, and speaking skills, are a must.

High school students should meet with an advisor/counselor to create an appropriate career action plan that may include high school classes in:

- English
- Education Professions
- Speech
- Sociology

Source: O*NET & Western Maricopa Tech Prep Consortium

Occupation	Annual Entry-Level Wage Range*	Typical Training Required
Elementary School Teachers	\$30,760 - \$39,290	Bachelor's Degree**
Preschool Teachers	\$17,010 - \$23,020	Postsecondary Vocational Award
Secondary School Teachers	\$32,360 - \$42,960	Bachelor's Degree**
Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, & Elementary	\$29,170 - \$42,440	Bachelor's Degree**
Teacher Assistants	\$17,100 - \$22,590	On-the-Job or Community College Training

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010

**The Maricopa Community Colleges associate's degree in Arts, Elementary Education transfers to all three of Arizona's public universities offering bachelor's degrees in education.

Education Programs at the Maricopa Community Colleges

Program	College/Skill Center
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (AAEE)	Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale, South Mountain
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	
Child & Family Organizations Management & Administration	Glendale, Rio Salado
Child Development Associate (CDA) Preparation Curriculum for Young Children	Glendale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix
Early Care Specialist	Mesa
Early Childhood Education & Administration	Phoenix
Early Childhood Classroom Management	Phoenix
Early Childhood Development	Rio Salado, South Mountain
Early Childhood Education	Paradise Valley, Glendale
Early Childhood Administration & Management	Glendale, Mesa, South Mountain, Rio Salado
Early Learning & Development	Chandler-Gilbert, Mesa, Rio Salado, Scottsdale

Program	College/Skill Center
Family Childcare Management	Rio Salado, Scottsdale
Infant & Toddler Development	Rio Salado, Scottsdale
EDUCATION	
Gifted Education	Estrella Mountain
Instructional Assistance	Phoenix
Reading Specialist Endorsement	Mesa
Teacher Assisting	Estrella Mountain, GateWay
Foundations of Student Success	Estrella Mountain
LIBRARY MEDIA TECHNOLOGY	
Library Information Technology	Mesa
Library Information Technology - Advanced	Mesa
Library Information Technology - Basic	Mesa
Library Information Technology - Practitioners	Mesa
Library Information Technology - School Library Media Center	Mesa

Source: <http://www.maricopa.edu/academic/ccta/curric/index.php>

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