

# Educational Studies Career Tracks

Career Fields	Description
<p><b>Children, Family and Community Outreach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arizona Children’s Association</li> <li>• Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)</li> <li>• GED Instruction</li> <li>• Adult Education</li> <li>• Job/Skills training</li> <li>• Literacy programs</li> <li>• English as Second Language services</li> <li>• Senior services</li> </ul>	<p>Careers in this field provide resources, life strategies and tools to community members. By forming meaningful relationships with children, families and youth you can assist them overcome obstacles by identifying and connecting them to community resources.</p>
<p><b>Youth Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth leadership and enrichment programs</li> <li>• Juvenile delinquency prevention programs</li> <li>• Tutoring programs</li> <li>• Boys and Girls clubs</li> <li>• Camps</li> <li>• Juvenile diversion programs</li> <li>• YMCA</li> </ul>	<p>Careers in this field make a difference in the lives of children and adolescents working for an organization that promotes community involvement, afterschool programs and academic achievement.</p>
<p><b>Nonprofit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless/transitional shelters</li> <li>• Suicide prevention programs</li> <li>• Help lines</li> <li>• Refugees</li> <li>• At risk programs</li> <li>• Chicanos por la Causa</li> </ul>	<p>Nonprofit organizations provide essential services to those in need as well as improving education, arts, culture and environmental stewardship. Careers in this field have a positive impact on the community working with nonprofit organizations.</p>
<p><b>Early Childhood Education (Non-certification)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool/day care provider</li> <li>• Private preschool</li> <li>• Headstart</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• In home health provider</li> <li>• Habilitation provider</li> <li>• Early interventionist</li> <li>• Paraprofessional</li> </ul>	<p>Early childhood educators have an awareness of the importance of education during formative years and have an impact on the social, emotional and readiness skills of young children. Careers in this field help create and foster nurturing environments for infants and young children.</p>
<p><b>Higher Ed/Student Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Advisor</li> <li>• Career counselor</li> <li>• Recruiter</li> <li>• College/university admissions staff</li> <li>• Records/Enrollment office</li> <li>• Academic Affairs</li> <li>• Financial aid counselor</li> </ul>	<p>Colleges and Universities employ professionals who are capable of effectively promoting higher education and guiding students to successful completion of a post-secondary degree. Careers in this field provide information; advice and guidance to students at both the graduate and undergraduate level to help them make informed decisions, develop academic success strategies and carry out career plans.</p>
<p><b>Entrepreneurship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start own daycare</li> <li>• Start own tutoring services</li> <li>• Develop charter school</li> <li>• Opportunities are limitless!</li> </ul>	<p>Turn your passion for education into a business potential. Start your own business that supports positive changes in communities. Learn about ASU Entrepreneurship Resources at : <a href="http://entrepreneurship.asu.edu">http://entrepreneurship.asu.edu</a></p>

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<b>Social and Educational Policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobbyist</li> <li>• Research analyst/associate</li> <li>• Government agencies</li> <li>• Special Assistant (D.C.)</li> <li>• Community Outreach coordinator</li> <li>• Educational assessment</li> <li>• Think tanks</li> </ul>	Individuals who work in social/educational policy careers try to direct the course of education so that it solves problems or reaches specific objectives. Professionals who work in policy construct research studies to identify trends in education seeking best practices, gathering and analyzing data on student achievement to determine the relationship between socioeconomic, linguistic and cultural conditions that impact a student's performance in school.
<b>Curriculum Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education publishers</li> <li>• Museums</li> <li>• Science centers</li> <li>• Tutoring centers</li> <li>• Developer</li> <li>• Instructional designer</li> <li>• Professional development</li> </ul>	Work for an organization that designs educational resources and materials, promotes innovative curriculum and markets products that are helpful to schools and teachers. This includes curriculum development, planning, implementing and evaluating educational curriculum relevant to the needs of student populations, communities or other agencies.
<b>Social Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace Corps</li> <li>• AmeriCorps/City Year</li> <li>• Teach for America</li> </ul>	Impact a community in need by dedicating time and energy into a highly respected organization focused on improving the lives of those in need.
<b>Corporate Careers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate training</li> <li>• Human Resources</li> <li>• Marketing/sales</li> <li>• Customer service</li> <li>• Public relations</li> <li>• Management</li> </ul>	Educational Studies students are prepared to work in a variety of general career fields within the corporate world. Apply the knowledge gained from program coursework in careers focused on adult learners.

### Commonly desired qualifications employers are seeking in these fields

- Bachelor's degree preferred
- Technology proficiency – database experience (always moving away from paper); ability to function in online environment
- Prior work or volunteer experience in the field
- Innovative - thinks “outside the box” when creating new and exciting things for children to learn
- Public speaking – desire to speak in front of people; small groups, large groups
- Ability to work with others – various demographics; people with different backgrounds; limited education
- Ability to multitask
- Ability to develop a sense of trust and handle conflict resolution (both with K-12 students and adults)
- Passion for making a difference
- Responsible
- Patient
- Energetic