

Educational Services Career Pathway

4,000 Employers

220,000 Workers

\$43,087 Average Wage

What are Career Pathways?

Career Pathways are a sequence of training and education programs designed to develop a person's academic and technical skills. By obtaining stackable credentials and developing new skills a worker can advance over time to successively higher levels of education and employment in a given industry or occupational sector.

Why Have a Career in Education?

Education professionals are preparing today's students to be tomorrow's workforce. The Education industry has over 4,000 employers in both the public and private sector that provide jobs to nearly 220,000 workers. Wages in this industry averaged \$43,087 in 2017, just slightly lower than the \$47,364 average for all industries and sectors. Employment in the Information Educational Services industry has remained steady over the past 5 years, adding only 1,000 employees over the 5-year period. Educational Services represents eight percent of all public and private sector employment.

From Office Support to Instructors and Administrators, there is a variety of job opportunities in the Education sector. High wages and projected growth make Education occupations a good career choice in **Instruction**, **Support Services**, **Professional Support Services**, and **Administrative & Business Support**.



Who's Hiring?

Washington University

Varsity Tutors

University of Missouri

Missouri State University

Saint Louis University

Know the Basics

Soft skills, such as interpersonal skills, professionalism, and dependability, are important in all industries, including Education. Most employees in the education sector interact with students and others on a daily basis so being able to communicate effectively both individually and in groups is necessary. Being able to work with co-workers as a team is also important. For instructors, knowledge of subject matter, the ability to adapt teaching methods and materials to meet student's needs, and the ability to evaluate student's work and progress needs are important.

There are several ways to become a certified educator in Missouri. In addition to the traditional route of completing student teaching and receiving a bachelor's degree in the field of education, there are alternative routes to certification available. An individual with a bachelor's degree in a content area, such as Mathematics or English, can return to a college of education for a program of study that may enable them to take courses and teach simultaneously. In certain middle and high school subjects, an individual with a bachelor's degree can complete a program of study from the American Board of Certification for Teacher Excellence (ABCTE), pass their specific test and be certified. Current certified teachers can also add new areas of certification by taking Missouri Area Content Exams.



Instruction



Professional Services

Later

Bachelor's Degree or Advanced Degree	Elementary School Teachers Entry: \$38,830 Avg.: \$52,700 Secondary School Teachers Entry: \$38,600 Avg.: \$51,720 English Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary Entry: \$44,510 Avg.: \$76,650 Special Education Teachers, Secondary School Entry: \$36,590 Avg.: \$47,250	Instructional Coordinators Entry: \$39,370 Avg.: \$56,280 Registered Nurses Entry: \$50,330 Avg.: \$63,300 Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists Entry: \$44,980 Avg.: \$64,510 Librarians Entry: \$40,110 Avg.: \$53,240
	Degrees: Teacher Education, Special Education and Teaching, Elementary Education	Degrees: Nursing, Curriculum and Instruction, Library Science, Psychology

Next

Long Term On-the-Job Training, Certificate, Associate's Degree	Teacher Assistants Entry: \$19,400 Avg.: \$26,220 Preschool Teachers, except Special Education Entry: \$21,020 Avg.: \$27,360	Library Technicians Entry: \$27,550 Avg.: \$35,690 Occupational Therapy Assistants Entry: \$48,870 Avg.: \$57,850 Physical Therapist Assistants Entry: \$44,210 Avg.: \$53,330
	Certificates: Child Care and Support Services Management Degrees: Early Childhood Education and Teaching	Degrees: Occupational Therapist Assistant, Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant

New

Short Term On-the-Job Training	Childcare Workers Entry: \$18,480 Avg.: \$22,850	Library Assistants, Clerical Entry: \$18,350 Avg.: \$22,580
	Certificates: Child Care Provider/Assistant	Skills: Library Resources, Customer Service, Clerical Duties

Support Services

Business Operations

Later

Bachelor's Degree or Advanced Degree	General & Operations Managers Entry: \$57,360 Avg.: \$106,730	General & Operations Managers Entry: \$57,360 Avg.: \$106,730
	Human Resources Specialists Entry: \$43,360 Avg.: \$63,910	
	Degrees: Business Administration & Management	Degrees: Business Administration & Management, Human Resources Development

Next

Long Term On-the-Job Training, Certificate, Associate's Degree	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General Entry: \$37,870 Avg.: \$46,740	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants Entry: \$25,610 Avg.: \$33,590
	Food Service Managers Entry: \$34,270 Avg.: \$49,980	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks Entry: \$28,720 Avg.: \$37,800
	First-Line Supv. of Housekeeping & Janitorial Workers Entry: \$28,280 Avg.: \$38,580	Computer User Support Specialists Entry: \$34,390 Avg.: \$46,570
	Degrees: Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager	Degrees: Business Administration & Management, Accounting, Computer Science
	Certificates: Building Maintenance, ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification	

Now

Short Term On-the-Job Training	Janitors and Cleaners, except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners Entry: \$20,110 Avg.: \$25,670	General Office Clerks Entry: \$22,440 Avg.: \$31,640
	Food Preparation Workers Entry: \$18,220 Avg.: \$21,480	Receptionists and Information Clerks Entry: \$21,040 Avg.: \$26,600
	Security Guards Entry: \$24,700 Avg.: \$36,740	Data Entry Keyers Entry: \$26,100 Avg.: \$30,830
	Bus Drivers, School or Special Client Entry: \$21,430 Avg.: \$30,280	
	Certificates: Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator, Certified Protection Officer	Certificates: Business Administration Certificates

Sources:
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