

Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center



Careers In...Education

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Hours: 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday

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The Field

Most Alfred University students who major in education get jobs as teachers. However, a degree in education also prepares students for a wide variety of careers outside of public school employment including human services, counseling, student affairs in higher education (e.g. admissions and student activities) and business administration. An education degree is great preparation for a master's or doctoral program in a variety of fields including counseling, psychology, social work, and community services administration.

Sample Job Titles

- Early childhood teacher
- Subject area teacher
- Resident director (college)
- Youth program director
- Volunteer coordinator
- Environmental educator
- Park naturalist
- Admissions counselor
- Adult education coordinator
- Tour director
- Continuing education instructor
- Director of education
- Academic crisis counselor
- Literacy assessment specialist
- Cooperative extension educator
- Elementary teacher
- Teacher of English as a second language
- Recreation director

Our Graduates...Where Are They Now?

Within the past few years, graduates have obtained employment as:

Lead Pre-K Teacher – Broome County YMCA

Reading Intervention Teacher – Genesee Valley Central School

Box of Books- Librarian

World History Teacher – Chautauqua Lake Central School

Pre-school Teacher – Building Block Child Care

Social Studies Teacher – Dansville City School

Educational Specialist – M.G. Educational Services

Educational Advocate/Medicaid Service Coordinator – Footings, Inc.

Kindergarten Teacher – Bolling Air Force Base Child Development Center

Elementary Teacher – Hornell City School District, Andover School District

Resident Life Director – Alfred University

Admissions Counselor – Saint Joseph's College of Maine

Associate Director of Education – Sylvan Learning Centers

Elementary Art Teacher – St. Mary's School of Canandaigua

History Teacher – Addison Central School

Japanese Teacher – Owego-Appalachin Central School

Life Skills Instructor – Catholic Charities

Math Teacher – West Liberty Community School

Special Education Teacher- GST Boces

...and have gone to graduate school at:

Adelphia University (Reading)
Alfred University (Counseling, Education, Literacy, School Psychology)
Binghamton University (Education)
College of New Rochelle (Literacy Education)
Geneseo State University (Special Education)
Indiana University of PA (Student Affairs and Higher Education)
Pace University (Literacy)
SUNY Albany (Education Administration)
Syracuse University (Museum Studies, Public Relations)
University at Buffalo (Reading)
Mansfield University (Elementary Education MSEd)
St. Bonaventure (Literacy)

Many alumni who graduated several years ago are happily employed as teachers. Some other places you'll find our education majors include...

Dean and Professor of Management – Rollins College, Crummer School of Management
Director of the Student Center – Northeastern University
Director of the Teaching Fellows Program – University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Human Resource Manager – Pacific-Sierra Research Corp.
President – Direct Response Media, Inc.
School Counselor – Chemung County BOCES

Get experience on campus

Try to get involved on campus in activities or organizations related to your area of interest. If you want to teach, join one of the many student organizations focused on helping others. Some campus organizations, clubs, or offices through which you can gain relevant experience include:

- APO (Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity)
- SVCA (Student Volunteers for Community Action)
- Join the Student Health Advisory Council and help in planning the annual Health Fair
- Women's Issues Coalition
- Habitat for Humanity
- Students Acting for Equality
- Work as a tour guide for Admissions, an Orientation Guide for Student Activities, or as a Resident Assistant (RA)

Where to go from here?

- Individual career counseling for anything from choosing a major to getting a job
- Saxon JobLink web services (www.alfred.edu/cdc) to view jobs and internships, post a resume and more
- Saxon Career Volunteer network – speak to alumni in your career field
- Choices CT computerized program for searching graduate schools
- Web resources: try www.careersineducation.com, www.k12jobs.com, or ask at the CDC for more recommendations