



# Education

Educators emerge from a variety of degree programs and backgrounds connected by a common passion for instilling knowledge and inspiring others. ASU believes in the power of education, and strives to provide access to knowledge for all who seek it. Through ASU's partnerships with The Princeton Review, The Center for Global Education at Asia Society and ASU, Teach for America and local school districts through the iTeach program, educators are given every opportunity to succeed. Graduates with a career interest in education lobby for public school policy reform, create new curriculum and educational technology tools and develop solar libraries to empower schools abroad.

## Tips for success

### Consider getting an advanced degree

Educators must adapt to an ever-evolving industry, and consistently grow their own repertoire of knowledge. Because of this, many higher paying positions require a master's degree or PhD.

### Gain experience with educational technology

In almost every career field, you will need to utilize technology to educate others. Become familiar with the different technologies available and know how to use them.

### Develop collaboration skills

Educators rarely work alone. They rely on collaborating with others to produce knowledge and work together then teach it to others. Seek out research projects and opt to participate in group projects when possible to build these skills.

### ASU Mentor Network

Working in education often requires a practicum or apprenticeship experience. Explore the ASU Mentor Network to find leaders in education who would be willing to share their experiences and act as a mentor.

## Possible career fields

College/University/Higher Education  
Community Education  
Early Childhood Development  
Educational Leadership  
Elementary Teaching  
English as a Second Language  
Health Education  
Human Resources  
Instructional Design  
Learning and Development  
Library  
Music Education  
Outdoor Recreation/Education  
Physical Fitness/Athletic Training  
School Administration  
School Counseling (Clinical & Guidance)  
Secondary Teaching  
Special Education  
Teaching Abroad

## Professional associations

There are several local and national professional associations connected to this career field. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in the industry, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered. Some are free to join and others may offer student rates to become a member.

- **American School Counselor Association**
- **Association for Career and Technical Education**
- **International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language**
- **National Education Association**

## Student organizations at ASU

Student organizations are another great way to get connected with fellow students with similar interests. Many student clubs bring potential employers to speak at meetings, host career-related events, and offer professional development opportunities. Check **Sun Devil Sync** for more information on joining student organizations.

## Next steps

Try searching for internships on **Handshake** or volunteer opportunities with **VolunteerMatch**.

## Practice communicating

Public speaking, working with others one-on-one, facilitating small groups, writing emails, and creating examples of written work for students are just a few of the many ways that educators need to apply excellent oral and written skills. Consider taking a public speaking course or join the debate club to practice your communication.

