

**Careers and Employability Service**  
**Additional resources and information for**  
**Education**

## **Welcome:**

We have developed this recourse pack to help you research specific job sectors which may be of particular interest to Education students.

- [Prospects.ac.uk](http://Prospects.ac.uk) - Options with Education
- [TargetJobs](http://TargetJobs) – What can I do with my Education or Teaching Degree?

The Prospects and TargetJobs sites include information and advice covering: Your skills, job options, career areas, further study, what next, case studies, contacts and job search sites.

- [All About Careers](http://AllAboutCareers) – All About Teaching and Education Careers
- [Get into Teaching](http://GetintoTeaching) – Department for Education in England
- [Teach in Scotland](http://TeachinScotland) – Scottish Government
- [Teaching in Wales](http://TeachinginWales) – General Teaching Council for Wales
- [Teaching in Northern Ireland](http://TeachinginNorthernIreland) – Department for Education NI

These additional web resources offer suitable advice and insight in to your skills and a range of related career options.

## **SKILLS:**

During your education studies you will develop specific skills surrounding educational issues, theories of learning, equality and diversity, education policy and practice, creativity and education, and a general understanding of education in social, political and economic contexts. Your studies will have helped you to:

- Work independently and manage your time e.g. meeting essay deadlines, planning and researching work,
- Reflect on and improve personal performance
- Communicate effectively with people with differing levels of understanding, using oral and written arguments
- Articulate knowledge and comprehend concepts and theories
- Lead and participate in group discussions, plus have confidence in your own opinions
- Work effectively within a multi-disciplinary team
- Effectively convey arguments and opinions and encourage independent and creative thought in others
- Have tolerance of others' opinions and of ambiguity
- Think critically and develop your own opinions based on your knowledge

- Develop skills in critical reasoning and analysis
- Develop IT skills
- Convey meaning precisely and pick out the essential points for a range of levels
- Command a broad range of vocabulary and a comprehensive critical terminology

## **Finding Job Vacancies:**

As an Education graduate you may wish to pursue a career in teaching or within the wider sphere of education. However, you have a wide range of career options open to you due to the extensive skills set acquired during your degree (e.g. report writing, communication, construction of arguments and cases, time management). This means that you are able to demonstrate your competencies and flexibility within many of the 'core' skill areas that employers value.

For general information and advice about how to start finding out about employment opportunities check out our [Job Hunting webpages](#) as well as [Prospects Job Hunting Tips web page](#). You'll also find vacancies advertised on our [Jobs Board](#) and many local vacancies through organisations like [Graduate Jobs South](#).

For jobs in teaching you may wish to go to the [Teaching and education](#) section on the Prospects website. You may also wish to look at [Teach First](#). Teaching jobs are generally advertised through the County's website, such as [Hampshire](#) and [Portsmouth](#), but most schools in Southampton manage their own recruitment so you need to contact each school directly.

Other sites that advertise teaching vacancies as well as managerial and support services include [Times Educational Supplement](#), [jobs.ac.uk](#) and [education jobs](#).

When applying for vacancies you may need support in constructing a CV, filling out an Application Form, drafting a Cover Letter or preparing for Interview. We offer support on all of these areas via our [Job Application Resources webpages](#).

## **Employment:**

Education graduates from the University of Southampton primarily enter the teaching profession after graduating or after staying to complete QTS. The following examples give a sense of the types of occupations Education graduates have gone into six months after graduation (data collected from the last few years of [DLHE data](#)):

- Primary school teacher
- Secondary school teacher
- Lecturer/associate lecturer
- Army Education Officer
- Supply teacher
- Pre-school manager

- Business administrator
- Learning support assistant/teaching assistant
- Pre-school manager
- Tutor
- Child minder
- Education officer
- IT trainer
- Nursery nurse
- Personal trainer
- Police officer
- Pre-school manager
- Project coordinator
- Recruitment consultant
- Special needs assistant
- Apprenticeship manager
- Assistant head teacher
- Assistant housemistress
- Author
- Human resources
- Development worker
- Prison education tutor

## **Postgraduate Study and Research:**

Those wishing to enter the teaching profession in most state schools need to gain QTS through postgraduate study. Other postgraduate study can enhance your first degree and give you the opportunity to study a particular aspect in more depth or in a related sphere. Consider your motivations for further study and find out about potential sources of funding. See our [Further Study](#) pages for information and advice.

Many graduates continue their Education studies by going into the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), or a qualification in teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL). If you are considering teaching you should explore our [Routes into Teaching](#) webpages. Some graduates opt for postgraduate study unrelated to Education, or they may undertake a vocational degree associated with a specialised occupation.

For more information on postgraduate courses in Education please go to:  
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/education/postgraduate/index.page?>

Or for other postgraduate courses at the University of Southampton go to:  
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/postgraduate/>