

# MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

## Secondary Education

College of Education

### Mission of the College of Education

The College of Education is committed to creating an intellectual environment that promotes quality instruction, significant research, and professional service. Particular attention is focused on preparing professionals for diverse educational settings and on contributing to educational and pedagogical knowledge through scholarly endeavors. The College provides leadership in both the art and science of educational practice. Furthermore, the College is committed to creating an inclusive learning environment that values and promotes diversity.

Visit this site for more information:

<http://education.unlv.edu/>

### About Secondary Education

Students majoring in Secondary Education may earn either the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Arts degree. Students in the program will receive a broad theoretical and extensive practical preparation in the field of education. Students select at least one specific teaching field in which to specialize. Options include: mathematics, social studies, English, and various science fields.

Upon completing the program, students will be eligible for a license issued by the Nevada State Department of Education. This degree, along with completion of all state licensing requirements, qualifies students to teach in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### UNLV Academic Advising for Secondary Education Majors:

*Academic Advisors are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field. Go online to schedule an appointment with your advisor today!*

College of Education Advising & Field Placement Center

Phone: 702-895-1537

Campus Location: CEB 221

<http://education.unlv.edu/afp/>

### Secondary Education Career Options

- Teacher
- Principal\*
- Adult Literacy and GED Teacher\*
- Instructional Coordinator\*
- School Counselor\*
- District Superintendent\*
- College professor\*
- Higher Education administrator\*

\*Requires further education

### Graduate Programs

The following graduate programs are offered in the UNLV College of Education:

#### Department of Educational & Clinical Studies

702- 895-3205, CEB 118

<http://education.unlv.edu/ecs/>

- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education
- Master of Education in Special Education
- Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Master of Education in School Counseling

#### Department of Educational Psychology & Higher Education

702-895-3253, CEB 320

<http://education.unlv.edu/ephe/>

- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Master of Education in Higher Education

#### Department of Teaching & Learning

702- 895-1986, CEB 359B

<http://tl.unlv.edu/>

- Master of Education/Master of Science in Education (Visit website for full list of concentration areas offered)

### Clubs, Orgs & Professional Associations

UNLV offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations to meet the needs and interests of students. Visit the Involvement Center via your MyUNLV account to explore, access, and join hundreds of student organizations. Get involved today!

Student National Education Association:

<http://www.nea.org/>

# Helpful Career Information

## Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

### Career Exploration/Planning

**FOCUS 2:** UNLV's computerized assessment profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

**Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI):** Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

**Strong Interest Inventory:** Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

### UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

### Field Experiences

Students' last three semesters at UNLV will consist of Practicum I, Practicum II, and Student Teaching:

**PI:** Enrolled in classes, placed in CCSD classroom 90 hours

**PII:** Enrolled in classes, placed in CCSD classroom 150 hours

**Student Teaching:** ONLY enrolled in EDSC 481 and 482, placed in CCSD classroom full-time for at least 350 hours.

<http://education.unlv.edu/ofe/>

## MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Teacher 7-12 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$34,990-\$83,230	\$53,230
Principal	\$58,300-\$129,480	\$86,970
School Counselor	\$31,630-\$86,250	\$53,380
Postsecondary Education Administrator	\$30,720-\$130,510	\$62,050

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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