

# COTTEY

## What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

# Education

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Education is the study of how human beings teach, learn, and develop knowledge, values, skills and character qualities. The survival and success of societies, groups and individuals hinge on effective education. Study in this field is virtually unlimited and can include infant care, child psychology, adolescent education, preschool, elementary and secondary education, adult and parent education, education of the elderly, etc. Teachers are licensed in all states, but the course work requirements vary from state to state. Education majors tend to go on to earn advanced degrees. Education specializations include elementary, secondary, adult and continuing, special, administration and supervision, preschool, guidance and counseling, testing and evaluation, business, and vocational/technical.

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### IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

*You might like this major if you also like:* working with children, adolescents or adults; tutoring; team sports; volunteer or community service; public speaking; problem solving

*Consider this major if you are good at:* active listening; communicating; creativity; critical reading/thinking; organizing; persuading/influencing; motivating

### EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Elementary and secondary schools
- College and universities
- Government and non-profit organizations
- Military
- Continuing education programs
- Business and industry

### SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- K-12 Teacher
- English as a Second Language Teacher
- Day Care Center Manager
- Special Education Teacher
- Principal/Administrator
- Literacy Program Director
- Human Resources Manager
- Personnel Trainer

### ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

*Careers in Education*

*Opportunities in Teaching Careers*

*Opportunities in Educational Support Careers*

*Opportunities in Adult Education*

### TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- Classroom Management and Behavior
- Curriculum Methods
- History and Philosophy of Education
- Educational Assessment and Measurement
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Diversity/Multicultural Education

### OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- Sociology
- Social Work
- Communications
- Psychology
- Behavioral Sciences

### WEBSITES TO VISIT

Recruiting New Teachers Inc.  
[www.rnt.org](http://www.rnt.org)

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
[www.aacte.org](http://www.aacte.org)

National Middle School Association  
[www.nmsa.org](http://www.nmsa.org)

National Association for the Education of Young Children  
[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)