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.

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.

Get a fingerprint clearance card
Most teaching positions require these cards. Having this upfront will make you an attractive candidate.

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.

Utilize Sun Devil Network
Working in education often requires a practicum or apprenticeship experience. Explore the Sun Devil Network to find leaders in education who would be willing to share their experiences and act as a mentor.
Professional Associations
There are several local and national professional associations connected to this Career Interest Area. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in your field of interest, 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 @ 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.

- Advocates for Education
- Arizona Education Associate Student Program
- Arizona Mentor Society
- Emerging Educators
- Higher Education Student Association
- Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Council
- Men of the Teachers College
- Reach to Teach
- Teachers of the Future

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