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.

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
- Library
- Music Education
- Outdoor Recreation/Education
- Physical Fitness/Athletic Training
- School Administration
- School Counseling (Clinical & Guidance)
- Secondary Teaching
- Special Education
- Teaching Abroad
- Training

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.

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.

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.
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.

- Active Minds
- Advocates for Education
- Teachers of the Future
- SPARKS - Students Providing Awareness Resources & Knowledge to Start College
- Reach2Teach
- Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Council
- The Girls in STEM Advancement Project

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.