

What Can I Do With a Major in... **Elementary Education?**

The School of Education at Gwynedd-Mercy College prepares teachers to meet the educational challenges of the 21st Century. The undergraduate and graduate divisions of the school offer a variety of programs to meet the pre-service and in-service needs of education professionals.

Skills/Competencies Associated with Elementary Education Degrees:

- *Desire and ability to work with children
 - *Enthusiasm for teaching
- *Ability to handle classroom situations
 - *Ability to speak and write clearly
 - *Sense of humor
- *Ability to incorporate technology into the curriculum and instruction
 - *Training, instructing, advising, counseling, supervising, directing
- *Assessing, answering, questions, making presentations, analyzing, evaluating, planning, making decisions
 - *Sensitivity to the differences and needs of others
- *Develop excellent organizational and planning skills.
 - *Pleasant, positive, and friendly personality.
 - *Ability to work on a team of educators.

Related Occupations:

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| Art Education Teacher | Educational Researcher | Resource Teacher |
| Adventure/Outdoor Education | Educational Resource | School Psychologist |
| Alumni Relations Coordinator | Coordinator | School Social Worker |
| Assistant Principal | Educational Therapist | School Superintendent |
| Athletic Coach/Director | Elementary School Teacher | Secondary School Teacher |
| Business Education/Teacher | Employee Training Instructor | Social Services Volunteer |
| Child Life Specialist | Financial Aid | Special Education |
| Classroom Teacher | Counselor/Director | Administrator |
| College President | Grant Writer | Special Education Teacher |
| College Professor/Dean | Guidance Counselor | Speech Pathologist |
| Community/Public Service | Historic Site Administrator | Student Admissions |
| Administrator | Librarian | Administrator |
| Counselor | Library Consultant | Student Affairs Administrator |
| Day Care Administrator | Media Center Specialist | Curriculum Specialist |
| Director of Guidance | Missionary Worker | Textbook Writer |
| Education and Training | Peace Corps/ VISTA Volunteer | Training Specialist |
| Administrator | Personnel Director | Tutor |
| Education Management | Preschool Administrator | Vocational Rehabilitation |
| Specialist | Preschool Teacher | Counselor |
| Educational Administrator | Principal | Vocational/Technical Teacher |
| Education Consultant | Registrar | |
| Educational Materials Sales | Religious Education Teacher | |

*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

Strategies:

- *Work in a nursery school, day care or summer camp
- *Volunteer or work part time in an elementary school or secondary school
 - *Teach Sunday School or Bible Camp lesson
 - *Tutor
 - *Attend education lectures or workshops
 - *Strengthen communication and computer skills
 - *Study diversity issues and learn a second language.

Resources for Elementary Education Majors:

National Education Association
www.nea.org

Pennsylvania State Education Assoc.
<http://www.psea.org>

The College Central Network
www.collegecentral.com/gmc

O*NET OnLine
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook
<http://www.bls.gov/oco>

US Department of Education
www.ed.gov

Teachers Support Network
<http://teacherssupportnetwork.com>

PA School Board Association
<http://www.psba.org>

Education Week
<http://www.edweek.org>

PA-Educator.net
<http://www.pa-educator.net>

National Teacher Recruitment Clearing House
<http://www.joeant.com/DIR/info/get/574/2790>

Chronicle of Higher Education
www.chronicle.com

American Counsel on Education
www.acenet.edu/resources/policy-research/

American Federation of Teachers
<http://www.aft.org>

Education Job Page
<http://www.nationjob.com/education>

Career Bank
<http://www.careerbank.com>

Academic Employer Network
www.academemploy.com

ABC Teaching
<http://abcteachingjobs.com>

Job Profiles for Educators
<http://www.jobprofiles.org>

K-12jobs.com
<http://k12jobs.com>

Higher Education Jobs
www.higheredjobs.com

Clearinghouse School Staff
<http://www.schoolstaff.com>

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