

What Can I Do With a Major in...

Special 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 Special Education Degrees:

- *Desire and ability to work with children
- *Enthusiasm for teaching
- *Ability to handle classroom situations
- *Ability to speak and write clearly
- *Ability to incorporate technology into the curriculum and instruction
- *Training, instructing, advising, counseling, supervising, directing
- *Assessing, answering questions, analyzing, 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:

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 Special 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

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

Chronicle of Higher Education
www.chronicle.com

Special Education Info.
<http://specialed.about.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>

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

Higher Education Jobs
www.higheredjobs.com

SERI
<http://seriweb.com/>

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