What Can I Do With A Major In Art Education?

Students pursuing a degree in Art Education are eligible to receive state certification to teach art at all grade levels, kindergarten through 12th grade. This course of study requires students to complete an art major and to study professional education and methodology courses.

Possible Career Options

(Not all careers are possible in all locations. Some may require further education/specialization.)

Animation Cartoonist
Art Appraiser
Art Critic
Art Director
Art Historian
Art Lecturer
Art Specialist
Art Teacher
  College/University
  Elementary
  High School
  Middle School
  Preschool
Art Therapist
Artist-in-Residence
Auction House Cataloguer
Author, Art Books
Ceramist
Engraver
Etcher
Event Designer
Exhibit Designer
Fashion Designer
Gallery Owner
Glassblower
Jewelry Maker
Media Specialist
Metalsmith
Muralist
Museum Exhibit Designer
Painter
Police Sketch Artist
Potter
Printmaker
Researcher
Sculptor
Set Designer
Textbook Author
Textile Designer
Toy Designer
Weaver
Wedding Coordinator
Woodworker

Types of Employers

Apparel Manufacturers/Textile Mills
Art Galleries
Art Publications
Auction Houses
Colleges/Universities
Community Service Agencies
Consulting Organizations
Consumer Products Firms
Craft Guilds
Cultural Organizations
Educational Publishers
Federal Education Agencies
Government Affiliated Schools Abroad
Health Service Providers
Independent Production Companies
Libraries
Media/Communications Industry
Museums, Historical Societies, Parks
National Associations and Councils
Photo Agencies & Studios
Preschool/Day Care Centers
Private Schools - National
Private Schools - International
Public Relations/Advertising Firms
Public Schools
Publishing Houses
Regional and National Accrediting Agencies
Retail Stores
State Boards
State Departments of Education

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**Transferable Skills**

- Listens, interprets and communicates effectively
- Demonstrates global understandings of how individual development, cultural diversity, socioeconomic conditions and individual differences influence the opportunities of all individuals to learn and contribute to their full potential
- Uses and participates ethically in research and leadership activities
- Uses a variety of appropriate and ethical assessment techniques to enhance learning and teaching
- Masters appropriate disciplines to engage students in meaningful learning experiences
- Integrates educational technology in the teaching and learning processes
- Demonstrates reflection on professional strengths and needs, and plans for professional development to improve future performance
- Assumes the responsibility to be active in the profession
- Understands the relationship between schools and the larger culture and school as a culture
- Identifies and justifies the standards of professional behavior
- Possesses proficiency for accurate detail
- Concentrates for long periods
- Possesses aptitude for spatial relationships
- Meets deadlines
- Recognizes differences in shapes, shading and color
- Makes critical observations and appropriate decisions
- Possesses good manual dexterity
- Communicates ideas and emotion creatively

**Experiential Education**

- Volunteering as an adviser for a youth organization
- Tutoring students individually or in small groups
- Teaching students in a summer art enrichment program
- Working with at-risk youths to develop their art talent
- Helping children with disabilities cultivate their art abilities

**Professional Associations**

- American Federation of Teachers, aft.org
- Americans for the Arts, americansforthearts.org
- National Art Education Association, arteducators.org
- National Education Association, nea.org

**Enhancing Your Employability**

- Participate in internships and field experience placements
- Become active in alumni and/or mentor networks
- Join relevant student organizations to develop leadership skills
- Take part in mock interview opportunities

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