

# MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

## Early Childhood Education K-2

College of Education

### Mission of the College of Education

The College of Education is committed to creating an intellectual environment that promotes quality instruction, significant research, and professional service. Particular attention is focused on preparing professionals for diverse educational settings and on contributing to educational and pedagogical knowledge through scholarly endeavors. The College provides leadership in both the art and science of educational practice. Furthermore, the College is committed to creating an inclusive learning environment that values and promotes diversity.

Visit this site for more information:  
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### About Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to provide a comprehensive contemporary program of teacher preparation and education in early childhood settings (day care, preschool education, community education programs and intervention programs).

In the program, students gain knowledge and skills for a variety of careers in educational and prevention programs for young children. Undergraduate students will complete their practica and student teaching in three settings: infants and toddlers, kindergarten, and first and second grade.

### UNLV Academic Advising For Early Childhood Education Majors

Academic Advisors are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field. Go online to schedule an appointment with your advisor today!

College of Education Advising & Field Placement Center  
Phone: 702-895-1537  
Campus Location: CEB 221  
<http://education.unlv.edu/afp/>

### Early Childhood Career Options

- Childcare Worker
- Nanny
- Preschool Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Elementary School Teacher
- Parent Educator
- School Counselor\*
- Principal\*

\*Requires further education

### Graduate Programs

The following graduate programs are offered in the UNLV College of Education:

**Department of Educational & Clinical Studies**  
702- 895-3205, CEB 118

<http://education.unlv.edu/ecs/>

- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education
- Master of Education in Special Education
- Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Master of Education in School Counseling

**Department of Educational Psychology & Higher Education**

702-895-3253, CEB 320,

<http://education.unlv.edu/ephe/>

- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Master of Education in Higher Education

**Department of Teaching & Learning**

702- 895-1986, CEB 359B

<http://tl.unlv.edu/>

- Master of Education/Master of Science in Education (Visit website for full list of concentration areas offered)

### Clubs, Orgs & Professional Associations

UNLV offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations to meet the needs and interests of students. Visit the Involvement Center via your MyUNLV account to explore, access, and join hundreds of student organizations. Get involved today!

Student National Education Association:  
<http://www.nea.org/>

# Helpful Career Information

## Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

### Career Exploration/Planning

**FOCUS 2:** UNLV's computerized assessment profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

**Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI):** Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

**Strong Interest Inventory:** Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

### UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

### Field Experiences

Early Childhood Education K-2 majors will participate in a Practicum for Infants/Toddlers at the UNLV Preschool for 90 hours. Pre-Student Teaching will be in a kindergarten classroom for 150 hours. The final semester will consist of full-time Student Teaching in a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom for 350 hours. All placements will be in the Clark County School District.

<http://education.unlv.edu/ofe/>

## MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Preschool Teacher	\$17,200-\$46,830	\$25,700
Kindergarten Teacher	\$31,720-\$76,490	\$51,380
Elementary Teacher	\$51,660-\$80,140	\$51,660
Principal	\$58,300-\$129,480	\$86,970
School Counselor	\$31,630-\$86,250	\$53,380

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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