“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
~William Butler Yeats

CAREERS IN….

Education is the act of imparting knowledge or skill to a recipient. For students, a program in education leads to educating others through teaching, leading camps and day care centers, researching, making policies, and other knowledge-driven activities. To teach, one must be aware that in addition to increasing a student’s knowledge base, a teacher is also impacting the social, personal, and cultural development of individuals. Teachers communicate ideas, develop learning activities, evaluate academic performance, and interact with parents and guardians.

The Teacher Education Certification program at William Paterson University leads to a major in Teaching in the areas of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Subject Area, Physical Education, Special Education, and Music Education. To be eligible to pursue a particular certificate, a student must be in the appropriate major. Please refer to the Education Department for a list of appropriate majors for specific teaching areas. All programs require a full semester of student teaching in a local NJ district. Certification programs generally range from 30-36 credits and classes in each program are specific to the area of study.

WPUNJ College of Education: http://www.wpunj.edu/coe/
WPUNJ Admissions: http://www.wpunj.edu/admissions/undergraduate/academic-programs/programs_detail.dot?id=125452

Interests & Skills:
*Organization skills
*Creativity
*Flexibility
*Presentation skills

*Excellent oral and written communication skills
*Ability to work both independently and in a team
*Computer skills
*Ability to adapt lessons to individual needs

Work Environment:
People working within the field of education have several options in terms of work environment. While the most apparent is becoming a school teacher, there are several other options, including: working in camps, churches, colleges and universities, boards of education, testing service companies, museums, day care centers, correctional facilities, libraries, hospitals, publishing companies, community centers, non-profit organizations, government agencies, camps, adoption agencies, and youth services. Education programs are certification programs designed to be completed alongside a major, and all job titles listed are occupied by those who had a major in addition to a major in teaching in a specialized area. In some cases, a master’s degree or additional certification is needed beyond the bachelors and initial certification:

Possible job titles:
*Adult Education Teacher
*Librarian
*Child Life Specialist
*Media Center Specialist
*Educational Sales Representative
*High School Teacher (various subjects)
*Education and Training Administrator
*Student Admissions Administrator
*Student Personnel Services Manager
*Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
*Employee Training Instructor
*Adoption Agency Placement Counselor
*Guidance Counselor
*Department of Education staff

*Pre-School Teacher
*Athletic Coach
*Training Specialist
*Day Care Administrator
*Educational Administrator
*Social Services Volunteer
*Speech Pathologist
*Student Affairs Administrator
*Educational Therapist
*Elementary School Teacher
*Grant Writer
*Financial Aid Counselor
*Educational Researcher
*Instructor, College or University

*Alumni Relations Coordinator
*Tutor
*Curriculum Specialist
*Missionary Worker
*School Psychologist
*Special Education Teacher
*Library Consultant
*Day Camp Coordinator
*Day Care Center Manager
*Educational Resource Coordinator
*Textbook editor
*Outdoor/Adventure Leader
*Historic Site Administrator
WPUNJ Alumni:
Principal
Board of Education-Clark
Reading Supervisor
Board of Education-Hawthorne
Reading Resource Teachers
local NJ districts
Resource Room Teachers
local NJ districts
Special Education Teachers
local NJ districts
Teachers of the Handicapped
local NJ districts
Elementary School Teachers
local NJ districts
Middle School Teachers
local NJ districts
High School Teachers
local NJ districts

Elementary Education:
Reading Specialist
Board of Education-Garfield
Teacher - 1st Grade
Board of Education Paterson
Director
Bethlehem Early Learning Center
Teacher – ESL
Myers School
Coordinator – Curriculum
Board of Education-Waldwick

Enhance Your Qualifications:
Successful students tend to seek out opportunities to enhance their qualifications through a variety of means. Within education, some suggestions may include gaining practical experience through internship/externship/practicum/job shadowing; substitute teaching; working as a tutor; working in childcare; joining a professional education organization; becoming involved and taking leadership positions in career-related campus organizations; developing computer skills; build a portfolio; looking into the possibility of graduate school; considering more than one certification; learning another language; and attending networking functions.

Related Web Sites:
New Jersey Department of Education www.state.nj.us/education/
U.S. Department of Education www.ed.gov/
National Education Association www.nea.org
American Federation of Teachers www.aft.org
Education News www.agentk-12.org/
Occupational Outlook www.bls.gov/oco/
Industry Information www.vault.com
Job Search and Salary information www.rileyguide.com
Occupation Information online.onetcenter.org
NJ Hire www.njhire.com/

Other sources:
Please drop by the Career Development and Advisement Center to learn more about careers in community health. The career library carries career-specific books and counselors are available to answer any further questions you may have. Visiting the Education Department on campus may also prove valuable in addressing questions.

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