

Career Snapshots!



"A newsletter detailing a snapshot of what a particular career is about!"



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Education Field



Educational Psychologists investigate the learning and teaching process of students, and develop psychological principles and techniques applicable to educational problems.

Major job responsibilities an educational psychologist has to perform include conducting experiments to study educational problems, such as motivation, adjustment, teacher training, and individual differences in mental abilities, formulating achievement, diagnostic, and predictive tests to help teachers in planning course content and methods, planning remedial classes and testing programs specifically designed to meet the needs of special students, administering standardized tests to evaluate intelligence, achievement, and personality and to diagnose disabilities and difficulties among students, and advising people such as the administrative committees, school board,

and parent-teacher groups regarding providing psychological services within the educational system or school.

Skills typically required of people looking to go into this profession include writing (being able to effectively communicate in writing), mathematics, critical thinking (using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems), reading comprehension (being able to understand written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents), active listening (being able to give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times), and being able to speak clearly to others in conveying information.

Most of these occupations require a bachelor's

degree, but some do not. People do usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training.

People should have knowledge of key educational areas such as psychology, the English language, therapy and counseling, administration and management, and computers and electronics.

Approximately, 9,880 people were employed as Educational Psychologists in 2002. By the year 2012, it is projected that 11,220 will be employed. Also, 350 jobs will become vacant per year due to employee turnover!

Similar professions to this field include educational, vocational, and school counselors, instructional coordinators, and directors (religious activities and education).



Special Points of Interest!

- ◆ Students can use [Choices Planner](#) and [CareerZone](#) to further explore this field and research other ones
- ◆ Students have access to a [Career Resource Library](#) to further research this field as well. A variety of resources on print, DVD, and video are available to help students target an array of career development issues
- ◆ [The Cooperative Work Experience Program](#) is an excellent way to gain valuable work experience, skills, and exposure, in a field of interest, prior to graduation. Some opportunities are paid and can be performed for credit.
- ◆ For more information about these services and others, please visit the Career Development Office, in Loew Hall room 319/328 [today!](#)

Kindergarten Teachers (*except special education*) teach natural and social science (at the elementary level), personal hygiene, music, art, and literature to children, four to six years old. They also promote physical, mental, and social development in children.

Additional major responsibilities include supervising children's activities (such as field visits), simulating students interests and broadening their understanding of the physical and social environment, observing children to detect signs of health illnesses or emotional disturbance (and to evaluate progress), organizing and facilitating games and group projects to develop cooperative behavior and assisting children in developing satisfying relationships with one another. Also, discussing students problems and their progress with parents.

Skills that are usually required for this profession include instructing (being able to teach others how to do something), speaking (being able to talk to others clearly and convey information effectively), social perceptiveness (being aware of other people's reactions and understanding why they react the way

they do), service orientation (being able to actively look for ways to help people), monitoring (being able to monitor/assess your performance, other individuals, or organizations in order to make improvements or take corrective action as needed), and learning strategies (being able to select and use training/instructional methods and procedures that are appropriate for the situation when learning or teaching new things).

Most of these occupations require a four-year bachelor's degree, but some do not. People in these type of occupations usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training.

People should have knowledge of psychology, the English language, Fine Arts, education and training, customer and personal service, sociology and anthropology, and mathematics.

In 2002, 14,300 people were employed as Kindergarten Teachers (except special education). In the year 2012, it is expected that 16,640 people will be employed in this area. There will be an increase of 234 new positions annually and 476 jobs will become available yearly due to employee turnover.

Similar professions include Educational Psychologists, Health Educators, Social and Human Service Assistants, Preschool Teachers (except special education), Elementary School Teachers (except special education), Teacher Assistants, and Recreation Workers.

People should have an interest in occupations which frequently involve working with people, communicating with them, and teaching them.

Helpful web sites for further research:

United States Department of Labor www.bls.gov

College Grad www.collegegrad.com

Xap Student Center www.xap.com

America's Career InfoNet www.acinet.org

www.careers.org

Career Voyages www.careervoyages.org

American Psychological Association

www.apa.org



General information about the Department of Education can be found at: www.nycenet.edu.

The National Puerto Rican Forum, in partnership with the Department of Education, will be holding another on-campus information session for students interested in the field of education on May 10th, 2007!!! Come and learn about scholarship opportunities, the New York state certification process, employment benefits, long term career paths, and much more! Please come to the Career Development Office, in Loew Hall room 319/328 to sign-up to attend the session and for more information!!

Resumes will be collected at the presentation and assessed according to state certification guidelines!