WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN … EDUCATIONAL LINGUISTICS

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:
The program’s approach to linguistic theory takes a primarily cognitive-functional perspective that focuses on language structure as interacting with language use. This orientation emphasizes the study of language typology, change, discourse, interaction, variation, processing and acquisition. This theoretical approach provides the foundation for effectively addressing our commitment to the application of linguistics to social concerns, including minority language maintenance and empowerment of minority and bilingual communities. Thus, the program not only studies and teaches about the applied and educational aspects of linguistics, but also encourages faculty and student involvement as advocates and collaborators with the linguistic communities in which we carry out research.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:
The doctoral major in Educational Linguistics is a small and selective interdisciplinary program. Graduates may plan careers in university teaching and research, public education, government, private research, TESOL program administration and teacher training, and language education programs in the United States or abroad.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS AND FOCUS
Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice

• Child Language And Language Acquisition
• Language Maintenance And Language Revitalization (Particularly Indigenous Languages)
• Language Policy And Planning

• Educational Sociolinguistics
• Bilingualism
• Language Teaching And TESOL
• The Linguistics Of Signed Languages
• Language Assessment

RESOURCES:
High Desert Linguistics Society (http://linggraduate.unm.edu/)

The HDLS is the linguistics student organization affiliated with UNM’s Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), which allocates a small portion of student fees to HDLS to support its activities. The HDLS sponsors a variety of activities for the benefit of all Linguistics and Educational Linguistics students, including an e-mail discussion list (LINGGRADS-L), occasional lectures and brown-bag talks, an annual student conference in the Spring that attracts graduate students from around the world, and an annual volume of working papers focusing on student contributions. HDLS officers are elected annually at the beginning of the Fall semester.

You can contact HDLS at (505) 277-1694 or www.lingust@unm.edu and the GPSA office at 505 277-0803 or http://www.unm.edu/~gpsa/

OTHER INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:
http://online.onetcenter.org
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