WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN … ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:
Teachers act as facilitators or coaches, using interactive discussions and “hands-on” approaches to help students learn and apply concepts in subjects such as science, mathematics, or English.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:
50 states and the District of Columbia require public school teachers to be licensed. In most states a prerequisite for licensure is a bachelor’s degree. Usually licensure is granted by the State Board of Education or a licensure advisory committee. Requirements for regular licenses to teach kindergarten through grade 12 vary by state.

GENERAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- **Training and Teaching Others** — Identifying the educational needs of others, developing formal educational or training programs or classes, and teaching or instructing others.
- **Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates** — Providing information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person.
- **Thinking Creatively** — Developing, designing, or creating new applications, ideas, relationships, systems, or products, including artistic contributions.
- **Making Decisions and Solving Problems** — Analyzing information and evaluating results to choose the best solution and solve problems.

SPECIFIC CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

- Establish and enforce rules for behavior and procedures for maintaining order among the students for whom they are responsible.
- Observe and evaluate students’ performance, behavior, social development, and physical health.
- Adapt teaching methods and instructional materials to meet students' varying needs and interests.
- Plan and conduct activities for a balanced program of instruction, demonstration, and work time that provides students with opportunities to observe, question, and investigate.

ARE THERE OTHER JOBS LIKE THIS?

Coaches, Counselors, Education administrators, Employment interviewers, Human resources, training, and labor relations managers and specialists (employee development specialists), Librarians, Public relations specialists, Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, Social workers, Teachers—postsecondary, Teachers—special education

State and National Wages (2006):

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OTHER INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

http://online.onetcenter.org  www.bls.gov/oco/