

## **Career Alternatives to Elementary/Secondary Teaching**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** some job positions may require additional education, internships, experience, and/or licensure. Explore career alternatives carefully before changing your academic program. This list has been developed solely as a means of alerting students to possible alternatives.

### **working in a K-12 academic setting:**

- fundraiser
- school administrator: Superintendent
- school administrator: Principal, Vice-Principal, secretary
- school administrator: city, county, state, federal official
- school counselor
- school librarian
- school media specialist
- school psychologist
- special education classroom aid
- special education teacher
- teaching overseas

### **working in other academic settings:**

- adult education teacher
- college academic advisor
- college administrator: department Chair, Dean, Provost, Vice-President, President
- college administrator: student affairs, academic affairs, residential life, financial aid, admissions, registrar
- college alumni association director, staff
- college disability services director, staff
- college professor
- fundraiser
- librarian
- prison facility teacher
- teaching overseas
- vocational education teacher

### **working in business settings:**

- computer trainer/tutor
- convention specialist (ex: develop, direct, supervise activities at a convention)
- customer service representative (ex: health service organizations)
- employment counselor
- fundraiser
- lobbyist
- paralegal
- personnel recruitment and training
- public relations specialist
- sports management

**working in clinical settings:**

art therapist  
counselor  
marriage and family counselor  
physical therapist  
psychiatrist (MD)  
psychologist  
social worker

**working in cultural settings:**

librarian  
museum director  
museum education director  
naturalist, parks education director  
zoo/aquarium education director  
zoo/aquarium director

**working directly with people:**

activity director  
adult day-care coordinator  
child care director  
coach (athletic, skill)  
FBI agent  
flight attendant  
party planner  
personal shopper  
pet sitter  
probation officer  
professional organizer  
professional speaker (ex: self-improvement)  
member of the clergy or clergy staff  
translator (foreign language, American Sign Language)  
wedding consultant

**working by writing:**

columnist  
copywriter (ex: write ads)  
editor (newspaper, magazine, book)  
FBI agent (researcher)  
grant coordinator, writer  
indexer (ex: create index of collection of works of art)  
literary agent  
on-line researcher  
proofreader  
resume writer  
scriptwriter  
technical writer, editor  
web site editor  
writer (fiction, non-fiction)