The Office of Educator Preparation is the professional education unit responsible for oversight and administration of Educator Preparation at the University.

The School of Education & Human Development, in partnership with colleges throughout the university and in the field, offers students opportunities to earn a teaching certificate and/or a degree at the undergraduate or graduate level. Different program options are also offered at the Certificate of Advance Study levels. Our programs are characterized by quality and integrity and meet the highest standards set by professional accrediting bodies.

Undergraduate Students:
USM undergraduate students pursue their major through a college, and then choose the content area for their teaching based on the major. Students identify early in their major if they also want to pursue teacher certification. At the end of the student’s undergraduate career at USM, he or she could have a bachelor’s degree, major, and teacher certification in one of the content areas related to their major.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning
Pathways Offered: Art (K-12), BFA in Art Education, Elementary (K-8) English (K-8, 7-12), Geography-Anthropology (K-8, 7-12), History/Social Studies (K-8, 7-12), Mathematics (7-12), Life Science (7-12), Physical Science (7-12), Music (K-12), Social Studies (K-8, 7-12)

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For more information on transferable skills go to: usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools
### AREA EMPLOYERS INFORMATION/STRATEGIES

#### K-12
- Elementary, middle and secondary schools: public, private, Montessori, etc.
- Day care centers and nursery schools
- Boards of education
  - Complete a college level teacher preparation program.
  - Obtain teaching certificate/license for desired subject area and/or grade level. Requirements for certification/licensure vary by state.
  - Obtain multiple certifications to increase employability.
  - Get involved in student teacher organizations.

#### Business & Industry
- Public and private corporations
- Consulting firms
- Marketing companies
- Software companies
- Publishers
  - Take some general business and computer courses.
  - Earn a graduate degree in human resource development.
  - Gain experience in organizational development or marketing.
  - Become current with business and industry literature and news.
  - Develop strong word processing, editing, and desktop publishing skills.

#### Government
- Federal government agencies
- Social service agencies
- State and local government
  - Learn federal, state, and local job application procedures.
  - Gain experience and an advanced, typically Ph.D., degree for high level positions in government.

#### Nonprofit
- Adoption Agencies
- Scouts/Camps
- United Way agencies
- Hospitals
- Community recreation centers
- Mental health clinics
  - Gain experience through volunteer work or internships.
  - Develop writing and public speaking skills.
  - Learn to work well with people of various backgrounds.
  - Add additional coursework in area of interest such as human services, counseling or psychology.
  - Consider certification in special education for greater employability.
  - Seek grant writing experience to increase opportunities.

#### Internships
For more information contact Office of Educator Preparation.
usm.maine.edu/cecd

#### Study Abroad
For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
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#### Clubs & Organizations
- ASL Club, Music Educators National Conference, Multi-Cultural Student Association, Alternative Spring Break, AmeriCorps, Academic Peer Advisor. For a complete list of student organizations:
  - webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list

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**Helpful Career Links**

**USMCareerConnections:**
USM’s career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

**O*NET OnLine:**
Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org

**Occupational Outlook Handbook:**
Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/ooh

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...**
National Education Association
American Federation of Teachers
Council for Exceptional Children
American School Counselor Association
American Library Association
American Association of School Administrators
American Educational Research Association