



UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS

Program Objectives

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)

Office of Educator Preparation

Gorham Campus, 8 Bailey Hall
(207) 780-5772

Web Address: usm.maine.edu/educatorpreparation

Facebook: [USM Teacher Education Department](#)

Career Possibilities*

Administration
Adult & Continuing Education
Case Managing
Consulting
Corporate Training
Curriculum Development
Customer Service
Editing, Publishing & Technical Writing
English as a Second Language
GED Preparation
Guidance Counselor
Higher Education
Human Resources
In-service Education
K-12 Teacher
Literacy Development
Management
Public Relations
Research & Writing
Sales
School Psychology
Social Work

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Active Learning & Listening
Critical Thinking
Instructing
Judgment and Decision Making
Learning Strategies
Monitoring
Reading Comprehension
Speaking
Social Perceptiveness
Writing

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

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
K-12	Elementary, middle and secondary schools: public, private, Montessori, etc. Day care centers and nursery schools Boards of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

*To learn about these areas and much more visit: whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major • © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major

Enrichment 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.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

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

USM Corporate Partners

The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

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](#)



PORTLAND • GORHAM • LEWISTON • ONLINE

Office of Community Engagement and Career Development • usm.maine.edu/cecd

(207) 228-8091

usmcareers@maine.edu

P.O. Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104-9300

100 Payson Smith, 96 Falmouth St., Portland Campus