

**ROANOKE COLLEGE**  
**Department of Education, for Teacher Licensure**  
**Career Advising Guide**

Although persons now graduating from Roanoke College with a teaching license almost always enter the teaching profession, there are other jobs which can be obtained either immediately or after some years of teaching experience. This list is in no way intended to encourage teachers to seek other professions, but it is intended instead to answer the frequent question "What else can you do with a teacher license in education?" This list is not exhaustive and should be considered only as a starting point--a source of ideas from which you can branch out and discover some of the things you would most enjoy doing. If you have questions, consult a member of the Education faculty or a staff member in the Career Services Office.

GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL FIELD	SAMPLE JOB TITLES	EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Teaching	Elementary teacher, Secondary school teacher, Public school teacher, Independent school teacher	Prospects depend on specific area of licensure and personal traits. Current shortage areas include foreign language, science, ESL, math, and hard-to-staff schools.	Must complete teacher licensure. Very important to have experience working with children and youth via summer or part-time jobs, volunteer work (church, scouting, etc.), babysitting, or class projects. Useful to be certified in more than one subject, be willing to relocate, and be able to coach sports or lead other extracurricular activities.
Human services/ social work	Day care center teacher or leader, counselor at children's home, social worker trainee, recreation leader, church youth director	Moderate to good prospects; competition for jobs with persons who hold degrees in social work.	In addition to courses required for licensure, take as many courses as possible in sociology, psychology, art, recreation. Useful to have experience as outlined above plus experience with other age groups (such as senior citizens) or with persons who have special disadvantages or disabilities. All types of community activities may be helpful.
Business	Sales representative, assistant in personnel, manager trainee, textbook publishing, author, editor	Moderate to good prospects. Best outlook for jobs related to educational background (for example, selling textbooks or athletic equipment)	In addition to courses required for licensure, take as many courses as possible in economics/business, psychology, sociology. Useful to have experience in business setting or in business activities for campus groups (selling ads, fund-raising projects, presiding over groups, etc.). Personality traits including leadership ability, salesmanship, motivation are very important.

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