

# A.S. in Education Studies

## DESCRIPTION OF THE EDUCATION STUDIES PROGRAM

The Education Studies Program prepares students for careers in a variety of roles in elementary settings. Students learn about pedagogic theory and practice, further developing skills by doing fieldwork in schools and childcare centers. Such experiences are not only rewarding in themselves, but sometimes our students receive job offers as a result! In addition, our program has articulation agreements with many CUNY senior colleges, so that there can be a smooth transition to completion of a bachelor's degree.

## SKILLS

**Communication skills.** Teachers need to discuss students' needs with parents and administrators. They also need to be able to communicate the subject content to students in a manner in which they will understand.

**Resourcefulness.** Kindergarten and elementary school teachers must be able to get students engaged in learning. They also should be prepared to adapt their lessons to meet students' needs.

**Physical stamina.** Working with kindergarten- and elementary-aged students can be tiring. Teachers need to be able to physically, mentally, and emotionally keep up with the students.

## CAREER INFORMATION

Kindergarten and elementary school teachers may find it rewarding to watch students develop new skills and learn information. Kindergarten and elementary school teachers generally work during school hours when students are present. They may meet with parents, students, and other teachers before and after school. They often spend time in the evening and on weekends grading papers and preparing lessons. Many kindergarten and elementary school teachers work the traditional 10-month school year and have a 2-month break during the summer. They also have a short midwinter break. Some teachers work during the summer.

## EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Overall employment of kindergarten and elementary school teachers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2021 to 2031, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Overall employment of special education teachers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2021 to 2031, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

## **CAREER PATH**

The median annual wage for elementary school teachers, except special education was \$61,400 in May 2021. The median annual wage for kindergarten teachers, except special education was \$60,900 in May 2021. Kindergarten and elementary school teachers usually must have at least a bachelor's degree. In addition, public school teachers must have a state-issued certification or license. The median annual wage for special education teachers was \$61,820 in May 2021.

Teachers are frequently required to complete professional development classes to keep their license or certification. Some states require teachers to complete a master's degree after receiving their certification and obtaining a job.

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