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WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY STUDIES IN...?

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What Can I Do with My B.A. (Education)?

Graduates of the B.A.(Education) program leave with a broad and versatile skill set that prepares them to navigate - and lead! - in diverse educational and social contexts. The B.A.(Ed) is not a teaching degree, but rather a degree that allows you to understand, design, support, and transform learning in many sectors, including community work, global development, nonprofit leadership, public policy, education tech, and more.

Even if your future role isn't in education directly, or even peripherally, the program equips you to approach your work like an educator: caring about others' growth, striving to make systems more just, and constantly looking for ways to foster meaningful change. This mindset is valuable across many fields, including law, politics, business administration, health services, public policy, and beyond.

As a B.A. (Education) student, you also pursue a minor (or, optionally, two minors) that complements your education core studies with deeper learning in another discipline, expanding your academic and professional toolkit. Each minor brings a unique lens that strengthens your ability to work across sectors, think critically about complex social issues, and tailor your path to your interests, such as…

- Educational Psychology Minor (Faculty of Education): for those interested in counselling, learning sciences, human development or inclusion.
- International Development Studies Minor (Faculty of Arts): for those interested in socio-economic inequality, sustainability, governance, peace, and development in a global context.
- Entrepreneurship for Non-Management Students Minor (Desautels Faculty of Management): for those interested in cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset and learning how to launch new ventures or drive change.
- Management for Non-Management Students Minor (Desautels Faculty of Management): for those interested in building business knowledge in marketing, finance, accounting, and operations.
- Science for Arts Students Minor (Faculty of Science): for those interested in studying biology, chemistry, earth sciences, physics, psychology, and more for science literacy.
- Environment Minor (Bieler School of Environment): for those interested in exploring global environmental and sustainability challenges.
- Music Minors (Schulich School of Music): for those interested in arts and music education.

Whether you're interested in starting your career right after graduation or pursuing further studies, this program gives you strong foundations in critical thinking, applied research, communication, program design, leadership, and inclusive engagement.

Potential career pathways include:

Community Engagement & Social Impact

- Community Programs
- Outreach and Engagement
- Nonprofit Programs
- Youth Development
- Museum Education
- Advocacy or Human Rights

Education Policy & Public Service

- Policy Analysis (Education or Youth Policy)
- Program Administration (Government, NGO, International Org)
- Public Affairs or Research
- Education Strategy Consulting

Educational Technology & Design

- Instructional Design
- Learning Experience (LX) Design
- Education Technology
- Corporate Training or E-learning Development

Higher Education & Student Services

- Academic Advising
- Admissions or Recruitment
- Student Affairs
- Student Life and Programs

Research, Program Evaluation & Consulting

- Research
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Knowledge Mobilization
- Educational Consulting

Global Development & International Education

- International Programs
- Education Officer (e.g., UN, UNESCO, NGOs)
- Global Youth Programs

Potential graduate study and professional development pathways include:

Graduate Degrees in Education

- Counselling Psychology
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Early Childhood Education
- Education Data Science
- Educational Leadership
- Educational Policy
- Educational Technology
- Higher Education
- Inclusive Education
- Indigenous Education
- International Education
- Language and Literacies
- Social Justice Education

Graduate Degrees in Related Fields

- Business Administration
- Communication
- Global Affairs
- Law
- Organizational Studies
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Public Policy

Professional Certification or Diploma Programs

- Evaluation and Impact Measurement
- Human Resources Management
- Nonprofit Leadership & Management
- Project Management
- Public Relations or Strategic Communications
- User Experience (UX) Design