

Classroom Teaching is Not the Only Job in Education

Summary: While teaching can be a rewarding career, it may not be the right choice for everyone interested in working with others in an education setting.



Teaching can be a rewarding career, but sometimes we feel the need for a change. Even though you may not feel like teaching in a classroom, there are still other careers related to education that you can pursue.

- Start a tutoring business- The pay may be small to start, but once you build up a clientele, you will be making serious money.
- Teach life skills or GED courses in a detention center or prison- When many teachers start working with kids that actually want to be in class, they never want to return to a traditional classroom. The people in these institutions are respectful and well-behaved.
- Switch to daycare, preschool, or Head Start- Working with younger children may be a nice change from elementary, middle and high school kids. You don't have to worry about grading papers every night at home and can plan fun, interactive lessons.
- Lead teacher training courses for universities or colleges-You need a doctorate to teach at a university, but a master's degree is often good enough to teach at a community college.



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- Teach children that are unable to attend school- There are kids that are unable to attend school because of health issues. Most often you get to teach them one-on-one and still get paid a teacher's salary.
 - **Be an instructor for online K-12 schools**- Online education is a growing field that needs instructors. The job will be similar to classroom teaching, but you can do it at home.
 - **Be a nanny**- While the job may not always be glamorous, wealthy families want educated people to tutor and teach their children.
 - Become an education consultant- Conducting professional development in schools, webinars, and seminars is a great way for someone interested in teaching to stay close to the career.
 - Assist with home school kids- More and more parents are switching to homeschooling their children, and so the need for teachers to teach children subjects that the parents cannot has grown.
 - Sell your teaching materials- If you made your own handouts, visuals, and lessons you can sell them to other teachers.
 - Work in non-classroom positions within the school district- The school district has other positions for teachers beyond working in a classroom.
 - Create curriculum materials- If you are the type that was coming up with your own ideas for school curriculum then you could be successful working for a company that puts together lessons for other teachers to use.
 - **Work as a museum educator or guide**- Former teachers are quite often wanted for this job because they have experience handling large groups of children and are knowledgeable.
 - Start an after-school program or activity- This can be anything from a sports camp to music camp to art lessons. Use your passions to guide your activity.
 - Look for **other education opportunities**- You may be able to find an **Educational Editor position**, **consultants**, **family education coordinators**, and more by using "education"; as your keyword in a search.

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