In education, opportunities abound for those who want to teach, whether you have state teacher certification or not. Aside from teaching, there are plenty of opportunities in counseling, school administration, policy, and research. Most professionals in social services provide direct assistance or counseling to individuals and families with multiple needs. They provide services in the areas of behavioral and mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, residential care, forensics and criminal justice, LGBTQ, homelessness and housing, immigration and refugees, and child care and early intervention, among others.

RESOURCES AT BOSTON COLLEGE
- The Lynch School of Education
- Volunteer and Service Learning Center
- The PULSE Program for Service Learning
- Students for Education Reform

SKILLS REQUIRED
- Strong presentation skills
- Caring and compassionate
- Team player and good mediator
- Creativity
- Superior interpersonal skills, such as patience and emotional intelligence
- Strong organizational skills

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & JOB SEARCH SITES
- SchoolSpring (K-12): schoolspring.com
- National Association of Independent Schools: nais.org
- NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education: naspa.org
- HigherEdJobs: higheredjobs.com
- American Mental Health Counselors Association: amhca.org
- National Association of Social Workers: socialworkers.org
- American Psychological Association: apa.org

JOB SEARCH & INTERVIEW PROCESS
Most education and social service employers do not recruit on campus, so students must search for jobs and internships proactively. Use LinkedIn to identify alumni who can provide information and contacts within these fields.

Many paid summer opportunities are available through travel, education and enrichment programs for children. EagleLink and UCAN are two good places to start, but Google searches may yield results, too (“summer programs for high school students,” “summer programs for students with special needs”). In the spring, the Career Center usually sponsors education and social services career fairs. Check out the Career Fair page for dates and locations: http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/services/careerevents/career-fairs.html.
SAMPLE JOB DESCRIPTIONS WITHIN EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**Social workers / Counselors / Behavioral therapists** – Observe client behavior, assess needs and create treatment strategies; advocate for and help people of all life stages cope with and solve everyday problems; research and refer clients to community resources; administer social service programs; instruct clients’ families during treatment.

**Teachers** – Create lesson plans and assign homework; grade students’ work and evaluate their abilities; prepare students for standardized tests and provide diagnostic feedback; meet one-on-one with students to improve performance and address behavioral issues; hold conferences with parents and guardians as needed.

**Student affairs personnel** – In colleges and universities, assist and advise students in specializations including admissions and financial aid; academic or career advising; alcohol and drug education; student organizations; international student services; multicultural student affairs; recreational sports; and residence life.

**K-12 Secondary school administrator – Principal/Vice Principal** – The top administrators within a school, who are responsible for ensuring that educational and community goals are met as set by governing and other authoritative bodies. These people are also responsible for managing the major administrative tasks, such as budgeting, recruiting and retaining staff, and supervising all students and teachers. These roles typically report to the superintendent and make decisions that affect the campus.

Please Note: This handout is intended to be a sampling of resources. For additional information, please schedule an appointment through EagleLink.