

Careers in Teaching – Including Opportunities for Those With and Without Certification

General Resources

- **Stay up-to-date with the latest events, news, and jobs – register in CareerEdge** - <http://careeredge.bc.edu> - to receive alerts for events, education blogs, and featured jobs. CHOOSE “Human Services, Non-Profit, & Education” (Lynch undergraduates are pre-registered).
- **EagleLink:** <http://bc.edu/eaglelink>
A wide variety of education-related jobs and internships appear in EagleLink throughout the year. You can also research career fair employers or sign up for appointments with a BC career counselor.
- **Vault Career Insider:** <http://careerinsider.vault.com/career-insider-login.aspx?parrefer=2088>
Free, book-length guides - use your BC email to create an account. Once logged in, click on the ‘Guides’ tab, then ‘Other’ then either “Vault Career Guide to Education” or “Vault Guide to Education Jobs.”

Events

- **Career Chats in Champion Hall** – *Develop the career-related skills you need, in an informal, small-group setting.* Peter Hunt (or a guest speaker) leads each Chat with a 5-to-10-minute talk on the topic, then facilitates a discussion where students learn from each other’s experiences.
 - Sample topics include: “Teacher Portfolios for Interviews” and “Cover Letters for Teacher Candidates.”
 - [Upcoming Chats listed in EagleLink](#)
- **BC’s K-12 Education Job Fair**, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, 3:00-6:00 PM, Heights Room – <http://www.bc.edu/edfair>
- **MERC Education Job Fair**, Thursday, April 21, 2016, 9:30-3:30 PM, Northeastern University, Cabot Gym

Teaching in the Public Schools

In many certification areas, the job market in the Boston area is very competitive – this is especially true for elementary educators and for English Language Arts and History/Social Studies teachers. Strategies for expanding your opportunities and landing a classroom teaching job:

1. **See our complete guide to teaching jobs in public schools:** <http://bit.ly/publicschoolchecklist>
2. Do your resume and cover letter demonstrate your strengths as a teacher? Do they indicate how and who you will be in a class full of students? Does the language reflect a student-centered approach?
 - Complete guide to Teacher Resumes and Cover Letters for Teachers - <http://bit.ly/teacherresumeguide>
 - Watch our online resume videos (14 minutes total) - <https://www.youtube.com/user/BCCareerLibrary>
3. Consider creating an online portfolio of your best work AND/OR create a tri-fold brochure with photos and details about curriculum created or results produced in the classroom.
4. Consider applying to Catholic, independent, and public charter schools, especially if you are an elementary teaching candidate. *(See tips below for each.)*
5. Consider broadening your geographic reach. Best bets include the far western suburbs of Boston; western Massachusetts; rural areas; parts of the country with severe teacher shortages (including parts of California, Nevada, Florida, Texas, Colorado, and North Carolina).

Teaching in Independent Schools

- **See our complete guide to jobs in independent schools** – <http://bit.ly/indepschoolguide>
- No certification required at the secondary level - you can teach in most independent schools without state certification or enrollment in a teacher training program.
- Early hiring calendar - most activity occurs from January through April.
- Teaching fellowships - some independent schools offer fellowships or co-teaching programs for new teachers, where you are matched with a mentor teacher and may have a reduced course load initially.
- **Teacher placement agencies** - much of the hiring in independent schools occurs through teacher placement agencies like Carney, Sandoe & Associates.

Teaching in Catholic Schools

- **See our complete guide to teaching jobs in Catholic schools** – <http://bit.ly/cathschoolguide>
- Many teaching jobs are available Catholic schools without state certification.
- You have the opportunity to teach and to model a religious- and values-centered approach to life. More simply put, you have the opportunity to talk to your students about God.
- Parental cooperation and involvement is high, and classes are usually small.
- At the secondary level, the ability to coach one or more sports or to advise a major extra-curricular activity such as theater or a student publication is valued in applicants.
- **Apply directly to the schools** – nearly everyone who works in a Catholic school says that they sent their application materials directly to the school principals. (Outside the Boston area, check with the education office at the archdiocese, which may be more involved in teacher and staff recruiting.)
- **The University Consortium for Catholic Education** - <http://www.ucceconnect.com/>
Fantastic opportunities to both teach in a Catholic school in an underserved urban or rural area AND, in many cases, to work towards a tuition-free Master's degree. Applicants do not need to be state-certified or have studied in a teacher preparation program.

Teaching in Public Charter Schools

- **See our complete guide to teaching jobs in public charter schools** – <http://bit.ly/charterschoolguide>
- Since charter schools are mission-driven, they tend to attract teachers and administrators who believe in that vision and are excited to work together as a team to realize that vision.
- Charter school faculty and administrators have greater freedom to set the goals of the school, plan its operation, and create the curriculum.
- Many charter schools offer superior mentoring and supervision of new teachers.
- There are many job openings at charter schools, and they like to hire recent graduates.

Teach While You Work Toward Public School Certification

- Boston Teacher Residency: <http://www.bostonteacherresidency.org/>
- New York City Teaching Fellows: <https://www.nycteachingfellows.org>
- Mississippi Teacher Corps: <http://mtc.olemiss.edu/>
- City on a Hill Charter Public Schools - Urban Teaching Fellowship: <http://www.cityonahill.org/urban-teaching-fellowship/>

Non-Teaching Opportunities Working With Young People

- See the [Careers for Applied Psychology Majors](#) handout. Includes extensive information about opportunities working with young people, as well as careers in human resources, social services, nonprofits/community advocacy/public policy, and business.