

TEACHER, VOCATIONAL

{ JOB DESCRIPTION }

Teach or instruct career and technology subjects at the secondary school level.

{ SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED }

- Ability to lead and motivate people
- Willingness to learn about latest technology
- Ability to establish rapport with students from diverse ethnic backgrounds
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Skills in identifying physical and mental problems

Teachers act as facilitators or coaches, using interactive discussions and “hands-on” learning to help students learn and apply concepts in subjects such as science, mathematics, or English. As teachers move away from the traditional repetitive drill approaches and rote memorization, they are using more “props” or “manipulatives” to help children understand abstract concepts, solve problems, and develop critical thought processes. For example, they teach the concepts of numbers or adding and subtracting by playing board games. As children get older, they use more sophisticated materials such as science apparatus, cameras, or computers.

Many classes are becoming less structured, with students working in groups to discuss and solve problems together. Preparing students for the future workforce is the major stimulus generating the changes in education. To be prepared, students must be able to interact with others, adapt to new technology, and logically think through problems. Teachers provide the tools and environment for their students to develop these skills.

{ SOUTH PLAINS }

Avg. Wage
\$20.50

Avg. Annual
Job Openings
148

Employment in
1998 2008
2,597 3,247

{ TEXAS }

Avg. Wage
\$16.54

Avg. Annual
Job Openings
7,404

Employment in
1998 2008
132,044 163,926

{ U.S. EMPLOYMENT }

In 1998
1,426,213

Female **62%**
Minority **20%**

HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS



{ PREFERRED EDUCATION }

- Bachelor degree and
- Completion of an approved teacher education certification program
- Many states require a master degree

{ LICENSE / CERTIFICATION }

- Required for public school teachers
- May be optional for private school teachers

{ REGIONAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS }

- **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE**- Associate of Arts (A.A.), Education; Associate of Science (A.S.), Education
- **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**- Individuals will be certified to teach in secondary, but they must complete an academic major.
- **LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**- Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education emphasis
- **WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**- Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Vocational Education

{ JOB SITES }

Elementary/secondary schools 99%

{ FOR MORE INFORMATION }

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