

## **Art Education Major Overview:**

The Art Education major prepares students to become art teachers, blending creativity with pedagogical skills to inspire and educate students of all ages. The program focuses on art history, studio art practices, teaching methods, and child development. Students learn how to design and implement art curricula, manage classrooms, and foster creativity in diverse educational settings. Graduates are equipped to teach art in K-12 schools, museums, or community programs, helping students develop their artistic talents and critical thinking skills.

## **Typical Industry Sectors:**

1. K-12 Education (Public and Private Schools)
2. Museums and Galleries
3. Community Arts Programs
4. Nonprofit Arts Organizations
5. Higher Education and Art Colleges

## **10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:**

1. Art Teacher (Elementary, Middle, or High School)
2. Art Education Coordinator
3. Museum Education Assistant
4. Art Therapist (Entry-Level)
5. Teaching Assistant (Art Department)
6. Community Art Program Coordinator
7. Gallery Assistant
8. Arts Education Specialist
9. Visual Arts Instructor (After-School Programs)
10. Education Outreach Coordinator

## **5 Hard Skills:**

1. Art Techniques and Media (Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, etc.)
2. Art History and Theory
3. Curriculum Development for Art Education
4. Classroom Management
5. Use of Art Education Software and Tools

## **5 Soft Skills:**

1. Creativity
2. Communication
3. Patience

4. Leadership
5. Adaptability

**Additional Training or Certifications:**

To begin a career in Art Education, most states require certification as an art teacher, which includes completing a state-approved teacher preparation program, student teaching, and passing certification exams. Some schools or districts may also require specialized certifications for art educators, such as in art therapy. Continuing education or professional development may be necessary to maintain certification.

**Student and National Organizations:**

1. [National Art Education Association \(NAEA\)](#)
2. [College Art Association \(CAA\)](#)
3. [American Alliance for Theatre and Education \(AATE\)](#)
4. [National Visual Arts Standards \(NVAS\)](#)