

CAREER FACT SHEET

Special Education Teachers

Snapshot

Special Education Teachers teach primary, middle or intermediate, and secondary school students with learning difficulties, hearing impairment and sight impairment, and promote students' social, emotional, intellectual and physical development

How many are employed in this occupation?	24,600
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,126
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Medium
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Strong Growth

Main employing industries

Education and Training

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- assessing students' abilities and limitations with regard to intellectual, physical, social and emotional disabilities, exceptional intellectual gifts, or specific problems of language and culture
- planning, organising and implementing special programs to provide remedial or advanced tuition
- administering various forms of assessment and interpreting the results
- teaching basic academic subjects, and practical and self-help skills to hearing and sight impaired students
- devising instructional materials, methods and aids to assist in training and rehabilitation
- advising, instructing and counselling parents and teachers on the availability and use of special techniques
- stimulating and developing interests, abilities, manual skills and coordination
- conferring with other staff members to plan and schedule lessons for special needs students
- preparing and maintaining student data and other records and submitting reports

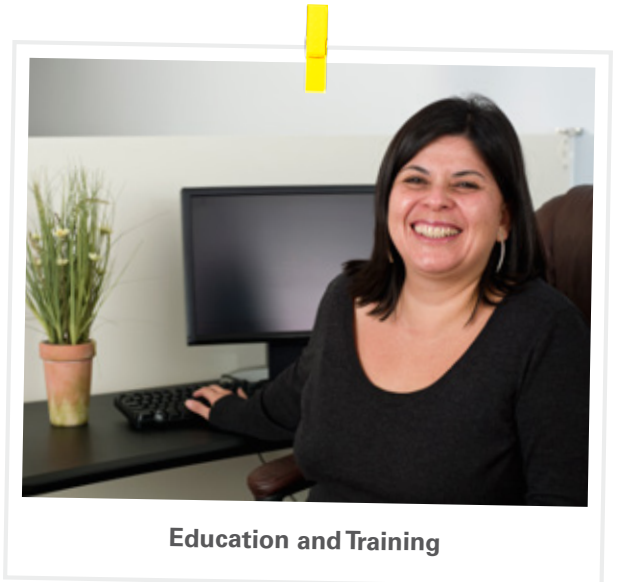
INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Education and Training

If you relate well to people, particularly younger people, are patient, caring, and feel you have a flair for passing on your knowledge and skills to others, then you might like to consider a career in education and training. The Education and Training sector has experienced strong growth over the past decade, creating a strong demand for trained staff in this field. If you are someone that has a passion for education and is interested in supporting young people in their learning and development, then you should seriously explore the pathways to becoming a Primary or Secondary teacher. If you have practical skills and knowledge you could share with others, you may want to consider the merits of becoming a Vocational Education Teacher/Trainers or Trade teacher. If you enjoy working with children in their early years - helping with their daily care and encouraging their personal development and learning - you may be interested in working in the rapidly growing child care industry. There is a strong demand for qualified child care workers in community, government, and private establishments around the country and it is a very rewarding vocation.

Possible job pathways

- Child Care Centre Managers
- Child Carers (Child Care Assistants, Child Care Group Leaders)
- Driving Instructors
- Education Aides
- ICT Trainers
- Library Assistants
- Primary School Teachers
- School Principals
- Secondary School Teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Training and Development Professionals
- Vocational Education Teachers



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