

What Can I Do with a Major in Art Education



OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

Through the Department of Art Education (Faculty of Fine Arts), Concordia University offers a BFA Specialization in Art Education – Visual Arts and a BFA Major in Art Education – Visual Arts. Also offered is a Minor in Art Education – Visual Arts. The BFA Specialization in Art Education – Visual Arts leads to teacher certification by the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport du Québec. At the graduate level the Department of Art Education offers a Doctor of/Doctorate in Philosophy (Art Education) and a Master of/Magisteriate in Arts (Art Education). For the latest information on programs, go to the Art Education Department's undergraduate Internet site at: <http://art-education.concordia.ca/>.

Art Education graduates work in many different occupations and settings. Furthermore, the skills that they develop working on their degree/degrees enhance their attractiveness to a wide variety of potential employers. The Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport (MELS) is responsible Teacher Certification in Quebec.

CELEBRATED ART EDUCATION MAJORS

Burt Wasserman. Art Critic.

See Smith. Native American Activist and Artist

Betty Edwards. Author of "Drawing and the Right Side of the Brain"

June King McFee. Renown for Books and Contributions to Art Education.

George Grie. **Canadian** Neo-Surrealist Artist. Leading New-media Specialist at IBM

EXAMPLES OF JOBS ACQUIRED BY RECENT CONCORDIA GRADUATES

The following job titles are representative of the types of entry-level positions for which Concordia University students are qualified for upon graduation. Note that the numbers following each job title refer to Canada's National Occupational Classification (NOC) code. For details on these titles go to <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>.

- Activity Specialist
- Art Instructor (5136)
- Art Specialist
- Art Supervisor
- Art Teacher (4142), (4141)
- Art Therapist (3144)
- Assistant Curator (5112)
- Camp Counselor (5254)
- Client Care Counselor (4167)
- Creative Instructor (4216)
- Curator (5112)
- Drop-in Community Worker (4212)
- Heritage Interpreter (5212)
- Interpretative Guide (5212, 6441)
- Museum Preparator (5212)
- Pedagogical Co-ordinator (0312)
- Program Head (0513, 4166)
- Program Planner (5226, 1226)
- Therapeutic Recreation Assistant (3144)
- Tour Guide (6441)
- Workshop Animator/Facilitator

MORE JOB TITLES

Many Art Education majors become art teachers and art educators in public and private schools and in a variety of other settings. Among a multitude of other occupations, some become art administrators/managers, art historians, program developers, consultants and authors. The titles below are not meant to be exhaustive but are representative of fields which Art Education majors pursue. Keep in mind that some occupations require further education (e.g., a higher degree, second degree, diploma). Note that the numbers following each job title refer to Canada's National Occupational Classification (NOC) code. For details on these titles go to <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>.

- Art Appraiser (1235)
- Art Coordinator
- Art Critic (5123)
- Art Dealer (0621)
- Art Historian (4169)
- Art History Instructor (4131, 4141, 4142, 4121)
- Art Museum Educator (5124)
- Art Program Advisor
- Art Program Director (0314, 0513, 4167)
- Art Publishing Consultant
- Art School Manager (0312)
- Art Therapist (3144)

- Artist (5136)
- Artist-in-Residence (5136)
- Auction House Cataloguer (5212)
- Auctioneer (6411)
- Book Author (5121)
- Digital Artist (5241)
- Educational-software Designer (2173)
- Educational-video Producer and Designer (5131, 0512)
- Entrepreneur (0621)
- Gallery Educator
- Gallery Owner (0621)
- Graphics Designer (5241)
- Librarian (5111)
- Muralist (5136)
- Museum Educator (5124)
- Museum Exhibit Designer (5243)
- Music Teacher (4131, 4142, 4141, 5133)
- Painter (5136)
- Photography Teacher (4131, 4141)
- Police Sketch Artist
- Printmaker (5136)
- Private Art Instructor (5136)
- Program Director (0413, 0513)
- Researcher (4166)
- Sculptor (5136)
- Teacher's Aide (6472)
- Textbook Author (5121)
- Workshop Instructor (5136, 5244)
- Workshop Promoter
- Writer (5121)
- University Professor (4121)

POTENTIAL WORK SETTINGS

Art Education majors frequently work for public and private schools, community organizations, cultural services, museums, galleries, colleges and universities. Some work in private industry or are self employed. To research specific employers who hire those in the field, there are many resources available in such locations as the Career Resource Centre, the Webster Library, Vanier Library and the Internet.

- Adult Education Centers
- Advertising Agencies
- Alternative Schools
- Art Centres
- Art Galleries
- Art Publications
- Art Schools
- Arts and Crafts Retailers
- Churches
- Colleges and Universities
- Community Colleges
- Computer Graphics Companies
- Discovery Centers
- Government Organizations
- Group Homes
- Halfway Houses
- Historical Societies
- Human Resources Departments
- International Schools
- Libraries
- Media
- Old Age Homes
- Parks Departments
- Prisons
- Public Schools
- Recreation Centers

- Rehabilitation Centers
- Religious Organizations
- Summer Camps
- Teacher Organizations

SKILLS and CHARACTERISTICS

It almost goes without saying that art educators should be knowledgeable and enthusiastic about teaching, be good communicators and possess the ability to work effectively with students. They must also be patient, well organized and aware of contemporary trends. In addition, students will find the following skills, interests, values and other characteristics valuable for succeeding in the field.

- Ability to Demonstrate Art Skills
- Ability to Persuade and Influence
- Ability to Relate to Others of Different Backgrounds
- Active Listening
- Articulate
- Artistic Skills
- Business Acumen
- Creativity
- Desire to Help Others Learn
- Desire to Keep Up with Current Trends in the Field
- Effective Communication Skills
- Enthusiasm
- Flexibility
- Good Grasp of Art History
- Good Oral Communication to Convey Information Effectively
- Integrity
- Interpersonal Skills
- Learning Strategies
- Objectivity
- Organization Skills
- Problem Solving Ability
- Rapport with Children
- Research Orientation and Skills
- Sales Ability
- Sensitivity and Warmth
- Stress Management
- Tactfulness
- Teaching Abilities
- Team Working Skills
- Time Management Skills
- Writing Skills

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER LINKS

Making wise career decisions requires exploring your field. A multitude of Internet sites and other resources will help you do this to the best of your ability. Professional association sites, in particular, are very useful for their career descriptions and job hunting tips. Moreover, these authoritative sites frequently provide links to Internet sites which announce job openings and list potential employers. A few recommended sites are included below.

Canadian

L'Association des Éducatrices et Éducateurs Spécialisés en Art Plastiques

<http://aqesap.org>

Promotes art education, research and the sharing of pedagogical experiences through its training, events, conferences and its publications. Offers members information on job openings and careers.

Canadian Heritage Information Network

<http://www.chin.gc.ca/>

Aims to promote the development, the presentation and preservation of Canada's digital heritage. Of interest to students for tracking down potential employers are the job postings and directories of museums, archives and organizations.

Canadian Museums Association

<http://www.museums.ca/>

For new graduates offers a *Job Board* advertising job openings and a listing of *Museum Studies Programs in Canada*. To get started try clicking on *Careers*. Also provides a *Newsroom* section for keeping up with trends.

Canadian Society for Education through Art

<http://www.csea-scea.ca>

Serves art educators from all levels of education as well as those working for ministries of education, art galleries, museums and community organizations. Offers information on publications, events and other resources.

Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA)

<http://www.qesba.qc.ca>

QESBA provides links to education and other associations throughout Canada which will be useful for those who wish to teach.

Société des musées québécois (SMQ)

<http://www.smq.qc.ca/mtd/smq/presentation/index.php>

Represents Quebec museology professionals working for museums and similar institutions. Click on *Site Map* to uncover museums by region and upcoming events.

Universities Art Association of Canada

<http://www.uaac-aauc.com/>

Serves art professionals in all fields of art. Provides tools for job hunting and networking to help students with their job hunt. Among these are a list of *Institutional Members*, *Careers*, a *News* section and a *Conference* section.

International

American Alliance of Museums

<http://www.aam-us.org/>

The Alliance represents all types of museums and art history professionals. Of interest to directors, curators, registrars, educators, exhibit designers, public relations officers, development officers, security managers and trustees. Includes career information for emerging professionals, a job board, an events calendar and award/grant listings.

International Society for Education Through Art (INSEA)

www.insea.org

In order to help members gain an international perspective, provides means for members to network with art educators from other countries, to keep informed through its newsletter and to profit from international exchanges.

National Art Education Association (NAEA)

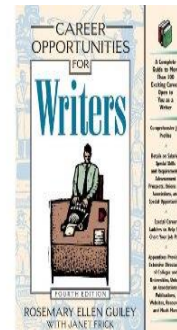
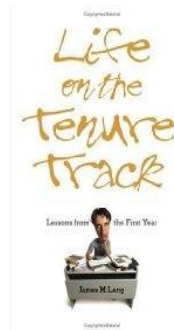
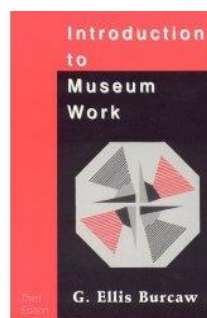
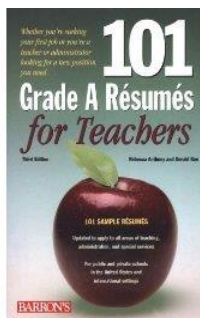
<http://www.naea-reston.org/>

NAEA promotes art education and professional development through its annual convention and publications. Members can benefit from mentoring and networking opportunities. One can access information on various arts organizations and art education as well as grants/awards and job listings.

Creating Your Amazing Career

CAREER RESOURCE CENTRE TITLES

For those who need more help with their career and educational planning, the Career Resource Centre (CRC) offers books, pamphlets, DVDs and recommended Internet sites. It is located in the Hall Building, H-440, at 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. The following titles are just a few of the titles available in the CRC.*



- Ace Your Teaching Interview
- Career Handbook for TV, Radio, Film, Video & Interactive Media
- Career Opportunities for Writers
- Careers in Education
- Careers in Social & Rehabilitation Services
- Careers in Working With Children (DVD)
- Careers in Working With the Elderly (DVD)
- C.E.G.E.P. Teaching Careers Panel Discussion (DVD)
- The Chicago Guide to Your Academic Career
- Directory of Canadian Schools
- Directory of Community Services of Greater Montreal
- I'm a People Person: A Guide to Human Service Professions
- Inside Secrets of Finding a Teaching Job
- Introduction to Museum Work
- Life on the Tenure Track
- Messages from the Real World: A Professional Handbook for the Emerging Artist
- The Nonprofit Career Guide
- 101 Grade A Résumés for Teachers
- Opportunities in Education Careers
- Opportunities in Arts and Crafts Careers
- Writing Magazine & Newspaper Articles