

# Visual Arts Education

The Visual Arts major is designed to prepare students to teach visual art in grades K–12 in private and public schools. Students will learn to teach visual art to diverse learners and populations in grades K-12. Students will be able to provide effective and compassionate professional practice and God-honoring leadership within the diverse communities they serve.

### What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

- Visual Arts Educator (K-12)
- Curator
- Collections Manager
- Archivist
- Gallery Tour Guide
- Exhibit Design/Preparation
- Graphic Designer
- Advertising
- Art Journalism
- Illustrator
- Art Critic
- Art Restoration

### Who employs people with this degree?

- Art schools
- Public and private schools (K-12)
- Colleges and universities
- Adult and community programs
- Libraries
- Museums
- Art Institutes
- Alternative schools
- Group homes
- Archives
- Historical Societies

More information at [ONETonline.org](http://ONETonline.org)

### General Strategies for Success:

- Obtain certification for public school teaching.
- Graduate degree usually required for post-secondary teaching.
- Develop a specialty area.
- Work or volunteer as a tutor, camp counselor, Big Brother/Sister, or after-school program counselor.
- Become a member of art clubs.
- Obtain substitute teaching experience.
- Develop strength in art history areas.
- Save artwork for a strong portfolio - too much is better than too little.
- Be prepared to relocate to the larger markets of metropolitan areas where more opportunities exist.

### Professional Associations

National Art Education Association  
Americans for the Arts  
American Art Therapy Association  
The Society of Illustrators  
Arts Education Partnership  
American Alliance of Museums  
American Institute of Graphic Arts  
Society of American Archivists  
Art Educators of Minnesota  
American Federation of Teachers

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on myUNW, Career Development tab.