OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:
According to the UNM Art Education Program (2013) website, “the Art Education Program at the University of New Mexico prepares art professionals to meet the needs of diverse populations in the state and nation. The program supports art professionals in their examination of multiple approaches to art education; these include, but are not limited to image-focused, discipline-based, and issues-based art education as well as visual culture.”

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:
Most states require some sort of teaching certification. Please check your state (or desired state) for their requirements. Many require a minimum of a bachelor’s degree. Each state is governed by their State Board of Education – so check the requirements per state. K-12 and higher education (college/university level) require different certifications and degrees. Consult O*Net for more information on the specific KSAs (Knowledge, Skill, Ability) that are needed for elementary education careers.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:
The UNM Art Education Program notes that the undergraduate program, “educates students toward becoming reflective art teachers who can encourage students to create artworks in response to life experiences.”

The UNM Art Education Program notes that “the graduate program, culminating in a Master of Arts in Art Education degree, supports students with a wide range of interests. Students can focus their investigations on making and studying art in cultural, social, and historical contexts. We believe that studying and making imagery is a life-long pursuit for art professionals working in our diverse and visually complex society.”

INDUSTRIES & TARGET EMPLOYERS:
A variety of employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM’s Lobo Career Connection for a complete list of employers and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator at the UNM Office of Career Services for help with identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

Business:
HR, Corporations, Marketing, Test-taking companies, publishers, sales, customer service organizations, not for profit organization, Training and Development, consultation, etc.

Childcare:
Independently owned businesses, corporate childcare services, military childcare, religious organizations, daycare centers, etc.

Community Services:
Not for profit, YMCA, YWCA, Camp programs, Residential Treatment Facilities, Rehabilitation programs, workforce programs, specialty group programs, adoption agencies, etc.

Continuing/Certificate Programs:
GED programs, Adult Education, Continuing Education programs, Board of Education, community colleges, professional associations, specialty populations (Prison or Correctional systems, Veteran’s Reintegration programs, K-12 after school programs, etc.)

Education
K-12, Colleges, Universities

Government:
Research, Federal, state or city government, teaching, evaluation
Social Services:
Counseling, residential treatment facilities, youth services, senior services, Welfare and Health Departments, case management

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES
• Consider specializing with a double major, minor, or concentration in another area.
• Gain related professional experience through involvement in internships, student employment, Co-ops, and/or volunteer opportunities.
• Shadow professionals in the field to gain a better understanding of the occupation and to build relationships with professional mentors.
• Build your network and get involved on campus through student organizations and campus events. Find organizations and events at the Student Activities Center website.
• Attend career related campus events such as career fairs, company information sessions, and or career workshops.
• Students who are interested in graduate school should maintain a high undergraduate GPA and develop relationships with faculty and community leaders.
• Speak with mentors and faculty about career opportunities.
• Job leads can be found on your department’s website, list-serves, newsletters, and social media sites.

STATE AND NATIONAL WAGES:
Adapted from CareerOneStop (2013)

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
National Education Association  
American Federation of Teachers  
American School Counselor Association  
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National Center of Alternative Certification  
UNM College of Education  
New Mexico Department of Education  
National Art Education Association  
New Mexico Art Education Association  
New Mexico Nonprofit Directory

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
http://www.nea.org/index.html  
http://www.aft.org/  
http://www.schoolcounselor.org/  
http://www.ala.org/  
http://www.aasa.org/  
http://www.teach-now.org/  
http://coe.unm.edu/  
http://www.ped.state.nm.us/  
http://www.arteducators.org/  
http://www.newmexicocareteducators.org/  
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www.onetonline.org  
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