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## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

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### OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

The UNM [Educational Psychology](#) program states that educational psychology focuses on understanding the role of individual and group differences in relation to education, learning and instruction. It blends psychology, research and statistical analysis and theory into one field of interest.

### EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Careers in this field require graduate degrees.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:

The UNM [Educational Psychology](#) program offers graduate degrees (M.A., Ph.D.) in Educational Psychology.

"The program in Educational Psychology provides:

- A research-based curriculum covering basic concepts and theories in psychology as they relate to learning and instruction. Included are cognition, human development, learning, motivation, measurement, assessment, evaluation, and applications to education policy and practice.
- An integrated sequence of courses and other learning experiences that will insure the development of a clear basis for understanding the links among teaching, learning, and assessment, including the role of various individual difference and group factors on these processes.
- A rigorous training sequence in educational statistics and research methodologies that will allow graduates to evaluate and conduct educational research in a variety of contexts.
- A variety of opportunities, such as teaching assistantships and internships that will prepare doctoral students for their future professional endeavors." (UNM [Educational Psychology](#) program website, visited September 2013)

### 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.

### 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-servs, newsletters, and social media sites.

### INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:



<http://online.onetcenter.org>



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