



CAREER PATH

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Teaching and Training



KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Teach elemental natural and social science, personal hygiene, music, art, and literature to children from 4 to 6 years old. Promote physical, mental, and social development. May be required to hold State certification.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a kindergarten teacher are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Kindergarten teachers, except special education	20.0%	37.5%	42.5%
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	5.6%	12.2%	82.2%
Education, training, and library	9.3%	16.5%	74.2%

Most Common Educational Level: Bachelor's degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	—	—	—
	Yearly	\$36,000	\$45,100	\$57,700
Missouri	Hourly	—	—	—
	Yearly	\$32,800	\$38,700	\$47,700

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Kindergarten Teacher	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	170,200	198,000	+ 16 %	5,590
Missouri	4,270	5,100	+ 20 %	130

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Baptist Bible College and Graduate School

Springfield, MO
(417) 268-6060
www.baptist.edu

Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO
(660) 248-3391
www.centralmethodist.edu

Central Methodist University- College of Graduate & Extended Studies

Fayette, MO
(660) 248-6272
www.centralmethodist.edu

College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO
(417) 334-6411
www.cofo.edu

East Central College

Union, MO
(636) 583-5193
www.eastcentral.edu

Evangel University

Springfield, MO
(417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Fontbonne University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 862-3456
www.fontbonne.edu

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Hannibal-Lagrange College

Hannibal, MO
(573) 221-3675
www.hlq.edu

Harris-Stowe State University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 340-3366
www.hssu.edu

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO
(573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Maryville University of Saint Louis

Saint Louis, MO
(800) 627-9855
www.maryville.edu

Missouri Baptist University

St. Louis, MO
(314) 414-1115
www.mobap.edu

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Northwest Missouri State University

Maryville, MO
(660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Park University

Parkville, MO
(816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

Southeast Missouri State University

Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

University of Central Missouri

Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia

Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

**University of Missouri
- St. Louis**

St. Louis, MO
(314) 516-5000
www.umsl.edu

Webster University

St. Louis, MO
(314) 968-6900
www.websteruniv.edu



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