

What do Preschool Teachers do?

Instruct preschool-aged children in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center, or other child development facility. Depending on the preschool, the teacher may be required to hold State certification.

Work Content

Teach children basic skills such as identifying colors, shapes, numbers, letters, personal hygiene, and social skill.

Work with children in groups or one on one, depending on the needs of children and on the subject matter.

Plan and carry out a curriculum that focuses on different areas of child development.

Organize activities so children can learn about the world, explore interests, and develop skills.

Provide a variety of materials and resources for children to explore, manipulate, and use, both in learning activities and in imaginative play.

Watch for signs of emotional or developmental problems in each child and bring them to the attention of the child's parent.

Keep records of the children's progress, routines, and interests, and inform parents about their child's development.

Places to work

Social Assistance

Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional Organization

Elementary and Secondary Schools

Hospitals



Median annual wage *

\$29,649

Projected employment **

3,320

Annual openings (Jobs)

358

Career Cluster



education and
training

* Wage estimates based on surveys conducted from November 2019 to May 2021

** Projected Occupational Employment in 2030

How do you become a Preschool Teacher?

Preschool teachers typically need at least an associate's degree.

Preschool teachers in center-based Head Start programs are required to have at least an associate's degree. In public schools, preschool teachers are generally required to have at least a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or a related field. Bachelor's degree programs include instruction on children's development, teaching young children, and observing and documenting children's progress.

Interests (Holland Codes)



Social — Social occupations frequently involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. These occupations often involve helping or providing service to others.

Artistic — Artistic occupations frequently involve working with forms, designs and patterns. They often require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

Work environment

Preschool teachers in public schools generally work during school hours. Many work the traditional 10-month school year and have a 2-month break during the summer. Some preschool teachers may teach in summer programs. Those working in daycare settings may work year-round with longer hours.

Explore more: ***

National Association for the Education of Young Children, <https://www.naeyc.org/>

*** Inclusion of this information is intended to provide a convenient resource for exploration, but does not constitute an endorsement for any organization, nor is the list all-inclusive.

Source:

New Hampshire Employment Projections, base year 2020 to projected year 2030
New Hampshire Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2021
Occupational Outlook Handbook, Bureau of Labor Statistics

