

Alternative Careers for Teachers



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One of the most frequently asked questions of teachers considering leaving teaching is “What other jobs can I do?” Below is a list of some of the most common careers but this list is by no means exhaustive. (These job titles are common Australian/UK titles – there may be some slight differences in US)

Before jumping in and selecting an alternative career, it is useful to reflect and consider your strengths, skills and passions are as well as your transferable skills. Reflect on what you REALLY want and what you have to offer. Think about the abilities and qualities you have - and how else you might use them - you have valuable skills to take you into the next phase of your life. Another thing to think about is whether you want to work for an employer or for yourself. After a long time of being micromanaged, many teachers find the freedom of self-employment to be attractive. Quite a few of the suggestions below can be done freelance.



EDUCATION RELATED CAREERS

Tutoring

Relief/supply teaching

Teachers Assistant

TEFL teacher – overseas

Prison teacher

Hospital teacher or Educational manager

Teacher Training @ University

Educational Consultant

University lecturer/tutor

Lecturer/trainer at technical/vocational colleges

Education coordinator @ Art galleries, museums, zoo (or anywhere that hosts school excursions)

Adult Education

Computer trainer/tutor

Curriculum writing

Proof reading/editing

Educational Administration

Professional development presenter

School counsellor

Childcare worker

OTHER CAREERS WHERE TEACHING SKILLS ARE HIGHLY REGARDED

Human resources

HR Learning and development coordinator

Corporate Trainer

Life Coaching

Counselling
Community Outreach programs
Community or Youth worker
E- Learning coordinator
After school coordinator
Proof reading/editing
Writer
Personal Assistant/Virtual Assistant
Project management
Event Planner
Children's party planner

OTHER CAREERS

Jobs related to your Degree e.g. Engineer, IT Specialist, Computer programmer

Jobs related to your school subjects e.g. Physical Education teacher – Personal trainer, health clubs, Outdoor education

Jobs requiring any Degree – government/public service/local government - there are many government careers that so not require a specific degree.

