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## RELATION BETWEEN TEACHING AND EDUCATION

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### Abstract

Choosing a school subject to specialize in is largely a personal choice that is going to be dependent on your interests as an individual and your strengths as a teacher. In addition, the school subjects that you end up teaching in the classroom may vary from year to year, so it's important to have a broad education as well as several specialties. When you start thinking about what you want to teach, you should consider the subjects you enjoy and are passionate about and the age and grade level of the students you plan to work with, as well as in-demand subjects. While you may be called upon to teach various subjects, these are all considerations and can impact your career path as a teacher.

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### 1. What to Consider When Choosing a School Subject to Teach?

Here are a few considerations that you need to make as you decide on the best subject to teach:

- Identify what you are most passionate about and see if you can leverage that as you pursue your degree in education or as you earn teaching certifications. Many teachers find that they enjoy

teaching their own favorite subjects once they are in the classroom. You also may want to think about what other career paths you considered. For example, an education student who also considered a career as an engineer may be well-suited to teaching science or math courses.

- Choose a favorite school subject but be open to teaching other courses or subjects that are similar. Specializing in a specific school subject is the first step toward fine-tuning your degree in education, but it's important to keep in mind that you may not be teaching this subject immediately upon entering the classroom. By being flexible and open-minded, you can prepare yourself to teach variations of your favorite subject and still be an effective, passionate educator.

- Consider the age and grade level of the students that you will be working with once you are in the classroom. The teaching methods that you use and subject matter that you cover will vary greatly depending on the grade level that you teach. If you are hoping to teach elementary students, for example, you are not going to need an in-depth background in biology, chemistry, and physics. It is important to keep in mind the lesson planning age level that you will be focused on as you decide on a school subject to specialize in.

- Think about any goals you may have, or alternative careers that you may consider in the future. In all likelihood, you are going to begin your career in education in the classroom. However, a degree in education and professional experience as a teacher can lead you down many paths. If you feel that you may be well-suited to an alternative teaching career in the future, then you may want to begin to prepare now by specializing in a specific subject area. For instance, a teacher who specializes in language arts may take their career down a different path in the future as a reading intervention specialist.

Consider the current market demands. Ultimately, your passion in a particular subject should be your priority, but you should at least consider what types of teachers are in the highest demand right now. If the demands of the market are well-suited to your personal interests, you can easily narrow down a subject area to focus on.

When you weigh all of these factors, you will find that it's relatively easy to narrow down which subjects are best for you to teach once you graduate and begin your career in the classroom. Preparing now by specializing in one or more subjects will help you land that dream job.

## **2. Can You Teach Multiple Subjects?**

Yes, you will find that no matter which grade level that you teach, you will have the opportunity to teach multiple subjects. Here's what you need to know:

- **Elementary teachers** often teach several subjects on any given day. An elementary classroom teacher is going to need to focus on the core subjects of language arts, writing, reading and math. This same classroom teacher is also going to need to dive into science, social studies, and other subjects that complement the curriculum. At the elementary level, there also is the possibility to focus on special subject areas, such as physical education, music, foreign language, and the arts.
- **Middle school teachers** are often more specialized and focus on a specific subject area. However, within that subject area, they may teach multiple courses. For instance, a middle school science teacher may teach courses such as biology, chemistry, environmental science, and geography.
- **High school teachers** tend to be the most focused on their specialties. A language arts teacher in high school, for example, may teach several literature classes at different levels. Within those literature classes, the teacher often has the ability to customize the curriculum to include specific topics that are of interest to them.

To have a career that is both varied and rewarding, you can consider specializing in multiple subjects. While there are teachers in demand in almost every school district, you can make yourself more marketable for the most prominent positions by earning multiple certifications in various subjects.

Some of the best subjects to teach in the classroom, all of which you can specialize in when you attend University of the Cumberland.

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- French
- Health & PE
- Mathematics
- Music Education
- Physics
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Special Education

It's important to keep in mind that the school subject that is right for you may not be the best option for another prospective teacher. Every teacher needs to determine what subject to teach based on their own interests, experience, and strengths. You will need to be mindful of the fact that the subject that you teach will require you to put in time for students in that specific area. The subjects that you specialize in should be those that you are also interested in on a personal level, because your passion will shine through in your work.

### **3. What is Learning?**

On the other hand, learning is a mindset. Learning is progressive by itself. It is always in the process of happening. When we are learning, we are actively changing. We can define learning as the acquisition of new skills, knowledge, and values. Further, learning is an ongoing process.

We learn throughout our lives. And that's where the term lifelong learning comes from.

Moreover, lifelong learning is a self-motivated education. It is focused on personal development. The purpose of it is to achieve personal fulfillment.

Usually, we bring learning to education. But there are many different ways in which we can learn. For example, you can watch videos, read books, or even just talk to experienced people. Formal education doesn't always represent all of these options. We all have our own interests, goals, curiosity, and motivations. And that is what leads us to learn new things. To learn something new, you don't necessarily need formal education. For example, we can develop new skills, such as cooking, on our own.

## **4. What are the Differences between Education and Learning?**

### **4.1. Five Differences between Education and Learning**

#### *4.1.1. Learning Methodology*

Both learning and education have a great influence on our minds and character. Also, they are related to the acquisition of knowledge. However, there is a difference in gaining knowledge.

When it comes to learning, we gain knowledge through experience. In education, we gain knowledge through educators.

Furthermore, learning is a basic instinct that we all have, while education is acquired by individuals.

#### *4.1.2. Duration*

Learning is an informal and ongoing process. On the other hand, education is a formal and temporary process.

#### *4.1.3. Age*

The difference between the two also includes an individual's age. Education depends on our age. We receive it at a certain age. On the contrary, learning has nothing to do with our age. We learn all our lives.

#### *4.1.4. Delivery*

We get education from an outside source. Usually at school or university. And it's always well organized. On the other hand, learning evolves in the inner self. It is related to an individual's perception.

#### *4.1.5. Ownership of Learning vs. Education*

Finally, learning is self-motivated, while education is led and caused. Also, we learn because of curiosity and the desire for discovery. However, education is metered and measured and it's a matter of mechanization.

## **5. Conclusion**

Training your business development team must be a priority if you want to get more results.

Effective training will help your team prioritize better their tasks, avoid wasting time on the wrong opportunities, and ultimately, generate more revenue. By taking this approach, you will be able to instill a love of learning in all your students and help them to discover their own interests and passions. Most teachers find that this ability to connect with students is what makes their jobs so rewarding.