Art education is a perfect choice for students who thrive in creative, collaborative environments. People who choose this meaningful career path love viewing, discussing, and making works of art/design and are passionate about engaging others in the artistic process. Art educators help children and adults explore their own creative capacities and discover the countless contributions visual artists have made to our society, both in the past and at the present time.

UW–Madison’s art education program provides essential preparation for a variety of careers in art education. Students work directly with children and adolescents in both school and community-based field placements in every semester of the program. They study with outstanding art and education faculty in a range of rigorous and engaging studio, art history, curriculum and instruction, educational psychology, and educational policy studies courses, while also connecting with Madison’s vibrant arts community through field trips and service learning.

Graduates of our program earn a Bachelor of Science degree, a career-ready Wisconsin teaching license in K–12 art education, and gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to teach the visual arts in a variety of school contexts (public and private schools, at the elementary and secondary levels, in the United States and internationally), and in community-based settings such as art museums, ceramic studios, maker spaces, and senior centers. The job market for art educators is incredibly healthy across the nation, and virtually all of our graduates land jobs that match their interests and expertise.

Consult the departmental website (https://art.wisc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-degrees/) for additional information about art education. Students intending to teach in Wisconsin may be eligible for the Teacher Pledge (https://tec.education.wisc.edu/teacher-pledge/), an opt-in loan forgiveness program for teacher education students.