

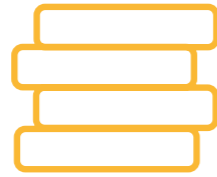
Education

What is the Education Sector?

The Education sector includes childcare, schools, colleges, universities, and private training companies. Teachers and support staff are a critical part of the economy, preparing future generations for life.



Average annual salary
£30,726



Percentage of GM workforce working in this sector

8%

(117,000 employed)

Approximate number of GM employers

2,600



Who might you work for?

- [Manchester University](#)
- [MMU](#)
- [Salford University](#)
- [Bolton University](#)
- [UA92](#)
- [9 colleges and 11 sixth form colleges](#)
- [274 secondary schools](#)
- [707 primary schools](#)
- [596 nurseries](#)



Workplace trends

- Desire to attract more men into the sector, particularly in Early Years where the workforce is over 95% female.
- Teaching remains a position where more staff are needed to fill gaps and to replace those retiring and leaving the profession.
- Specialised roles within the sector such as careers leads can be particularly difficult to recruit and these staff are in high demand across the region.
- Education roles are amongst the most advertised across GM.



Roles that GM employers are currently recruiting for

- Teacher (primary or secondary school)
- Nursery Nurses, assistants and playworkers
- SEND assistants
- Further Education tutor
- Teaching assistant
- Admin/Office staff
- University lecturer
- Headteacher
- Careers leads

Shortage and in demand roles

- Primary school teachers
- Roles working with young people with special educational needs or disabilities
- In further education, staff who have industry skills and knowledge
- Secondary school teachers in maths, science and foreign languages
- Early Years teaching staff and assistants

Types of qualifications

- GCSEs grade 4 and above in maths, English, and science
- Some apprenticeship qualifications are available for teaching assistants and childcare workers.



What do I need to start my career?

Graduate route with a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is most common.

You can sometimes learn at your chosen organisation with many Government schemes.

Childcare and teaching assistant roles have apprenticeship opportunities.



What does the future hold for this sector?

- Online learning is becoming more common, accelerated during the pandemic.
- **Agility** – teachers must be able to give young people the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.
- **Sustainability** – teachers must understand the shifts in the economy as a result of the path to reducing carbon emissions.



Soft skills

- Patience
- Communication skills
- Time management
- Teamwork
- Enjoy working with young people

Want to know more? - Find out more about specific job roles online by using the [National Careers Service](#) or [Prospects](#) websites.

