

Teachers

Teachers play a critical role in healthcare due to their ability to observe children and youth throughout the course of the day spent with them in the school setting. They are often the ones first to be aware of learning disabilities, behavioral issues, and problems such as abuse at home and the attention they bring to these issues is crucial to early intervention.

Primary/elementary educators are responsible for creating the foundation for future learning, teaching subjects such as reading, writing and arithmetic. Their secondary school counterparts expand on these areas and others, teaching academic, technical, vocational and specialized subjects and preparing students for post-secondary education and employment.

Job duties of teachers include but are not limited to:

- Preparing subject material for presentation to students according to an approved curriculum
- Teaching students using a systematic plan of lectures, discussions, audio-visual presentations, and laboratory, shop and field studies
- Assigning and correcting homework
- Preparing, administering and correcting tests
- Evaluating progress, determining individual needs of students and discussing results with parents and school officials
- Preparing and implementing remedial programs for students requiring extra help
- Participating in staff meetings, educational conferences and teacher training workshops
- Teaching and evaluating students through distance or online courses
- Advising students on course selection and on vocational and personal matters
- Leading students in activities to promote their physical, mental and social development and their school readiness
- Identifying children's individual learning needs
- May supervise teachers' aides and student teachers.*

*This list of duties is adapted from those provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, a division of the Government of Canada (2013).

(<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/noc/english/noc/2011/Profile.aspx?val=4&val1=4031>)

For more information, visit the websites listed below:

Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association - <https://www.nlta.nl.ca/home>

National Occupation Classification 2013 -

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