

Career: Art & Design Education

Pratt Institute has been involved in the preparation of art educators for more than a hundred years. Undergraduate students may major or minor in art & design education and work towards New York State Certification in Art to teach kindergarten through high school. Graduate students in the M.S. Degree program may either earn Certification or choose from a group of innovative courses to enhance their practice as artists and teachers. Fine Arts students at Pratt may also enhance their studies with courses in Art and Design Education. No matter what the curriculum, the focus is on teaching as a creative process. Students begin to “practice” teaching in the department’s own laboratory/studio—The Saturday Art School. Here children from pre-school through high school develop their potential as creative individuals—the children and their teachers learning together. Pratt alumni can be found in public and private schools, museum education, exhibition design, curriculum planning, arts administration, publishing, special education programs, early childhood education, senior centers, and community arts programs.

Some Employers of Pratt Alumni

NYC Board of Education
The American School in
Tokyo
Young Audiences
The Friends School
Dorchester Senior Center
The Brooklyn Museum

Education Department
The Cummings Foundation
Phoenix Public Schools
Wadsworth Atheneum
Baylor University
Arcadia University
Henry Street Settlement

Packer Collegiate School
Kideo (Videos for children)
New Jersey Public Schools
The Dalton School
BOCES Alternative High
School
Kids Ink

Profile of Graduates

Upon graduation, Gary wrote and illustrated a children’s book and worked as a program assistant for the Office of Cultural Arts, New York City Board of Education. For the next year and one half, he worked in a public high school in New York teaching art and design. He then co-founded a children’s video company where he remained for two years. He is currently staff designer for a non-profit arts organization and a freelance designer.

Susan began teaching art full time in a junior high school in Queens upon graduation from Pratt. A few years later, when she and her family moved upstate, she decided to devote more time to her own artwork. She took a part time job in the education department of a local contemporary art museum, developing projects for elementary school visits and training volunteers. She recently returned to teaching art full-time in a high school.

Bottom Line

Entry Level Salary Range:
BFA: \$25,000-\$30,000
MS: \$40,000-\$45,000

Special Characteristics:
A very diverse field and one
in which the job opportunities
continue to increase.

The Office of Career Services
lists over 4000 jobs annually.
We offer career counseling
and job referrals for those
entering their professional
field as well as general art-
related jobs for those still
developing portfolios.
In addition, a number of

companies come each year to
interview students for
internships and permanent
positions.
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