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## **Secondary and Higher Secondary School Teacher**

If you want to take up teaching as a profession but only for higher secondary classes, then you must follow this career path. Secondary school teachers are responsible for teaching students of class 5 to class 10. Higher Secondary school teachers are involved in teaching **students of class 11 and 12**. As a Secondary or Higher Secondary school teacher you can teach specific subjects as per your graduation or post-graduation degree.

# How to become a Secondary and Higher Secondary School Teacher?

- After completing graduation in any subject, you can do a **Bachelor in Education (B.Ed.) degree**, which is a 2-year teacher training program. A B.Ed. a degree is a basic requirement to pursue a career in teaching in a secondary and higher secondary school.
- You can do a [Master's degree after graduation](#) and then do a B.Ed. to teach students in higher secondary classes or those who are in class 11 and 12.
- To qualify for central government-run schools and some private schools, you will need to qualify in the **Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET)**.
- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducts the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) for candidates to be eligible to teach at the secondary and higher secondary levels.

- Moreover, some states conduct a separate **Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)** or a **State Level Eligibility Test (SLET)** or a similar test conducted by the school service commission for recruiting secondary level and higher secondary level teachers at Government-run schools as well as Government aided schools.

## **College and University Teacher**

If you are interested in teaching as a profession but only wish to teach in colleges or universities, then you can follow this career pathway. College and university teachers, also called lecturers at the beginning of a career in teaching, are the senior-most qualified teaching professionals. They teach in government or private colleges and universities.

# How to become a College or University Teacher?

- To become eligible for a career in teaching in a college or university, you must have at least a **Master's level degree**. However, a Ph.D. degree is mandatory for promotion from the position of a Lecturer to that of an Associate Professor.
- After completing a Master's degree, you will need to apply for and qualify in the **National Eligibility Test (NET)** conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).
- A postgraduate degree and a certification of eligibility in the NET are two mandatory requirements for becoming a university teacher or lecturer. This is the highest position and the most sought career pathway for those looking for a career in teaching.



# Rewards of Teaching as a profession

A career in teaching can be rewarding. It not only offers you a chance to impact young minds but also makes you immensely satisfied with the work you do.

- Teaching as a profession is immensely gratifying as it gives you the satisfaction of **working towards empowering young minds.**
- Teaching allows you to **shape the future of young generations** and thus you contribute towards building a cultured society.
- A career in teaching now **offers a decent salary.** A secondary school teacher earns around **Rs. 20,000 – 1,00,000** per month or even more depending upon the years of experience in teaching and in school administration.