Career Outlook 2018: Science Education

Science Education Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Science (B.S.): Teacher Licensure Grades 5-12
Specialties: Life Science; Chemistry; Physics; Earth and Space Science
Endorsement: Elementary Education (B.S.): Science

Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/science

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
There are a variety of areas for employment with a science education major, although most become teachers, either at the elementary or secondary level. The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” (OOH) reports that in 2016 there were 630,300 middle school teachers, and just over 1 million high school teachers. Employment of teachers is geographically distributed much the same as the population.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for high school teachers is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $38,180 and $92,920 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $58,030 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for the Bemidji State University Science graduates. Of the BSU 2015-2016 Science Education graduates, 100% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU SCIENCE EDUCATION GRADUATES*: (This list includes employment within one year of graduation for the years 2013 through 2016.)

- Albert Lea School District
  - Teacher
  - Albert Lea, MN
- Bigfork School District
  - Science Teacher
  - Bigfork, MN
- Pierz School District
  - Science Teacher
  - Pierz, MN
- Robert J. Elkington Middle School
  - Science Teacher
  - Grand Rapids, MN
- Roseau School District
  - 7th Grade Teacher
  - Roseau, MN
- Voyageurs Expeditionary School
  - Middle School Science Teacher
  - Bemidji, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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