Master of Science in Adult and Continuing Education
33 credit hours

The Master of Science degree for Adult and Continuing Education is designed for professionals who teach, train, lead or plan programs for adult learners. This degree helps participants better understand adults and their learning needs and expectations. It serves professionals from a wide variety of fields including health care, higher education, adult basic education, military, corporate training and public service. With 15 credit hours of electives, students can select course work from a wide variety of topics or develop an emphasis area to meet professional goals.

Required courses: 18 credit hours
- EDACE 780 – Introduction to Adult Education
- EDACE 790 – Characteristics of the Adult Learner
- EDACE 818 – Social Foundations of Adult Education
- EDACE 830 – Program Planning
- EDACE 847 – Adult Learning and Motivation
- EDCEP 816 – Research Methods (or equivalent course)

Electives: 15 credit hours

Potential emphasis areas:

Teaching and Learning
- Principles of Teaching Adults
- Adult Learner and Integrating Technology into Curriculum
- Designing Curriculum for the Adult Learner
- Teaching Online in Adult Education

Leadership and Administration
- Developing Teams and Leaders
- Leading Adults in a Globalized and Diverse World
- Group Dynamics
- Quality Programs and Staff Management

* Students may combine this degree with certificate programs listed at: dce.k-state.edu/courses/degrees/

“A traditional classroom doesn't really work for me. Being able to read the information at my own pace, discuss it with my classmates and create educational resources using what I have learned has really helped me master my course work.”

– Jennifer, Master’s in Adult and Continuing Education and Public Administration Certificate

Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning
15 credit hours

This graduate certificate will help professionals who work with adult learners expand their understanding of adult learning principles and enhance their skills in instructional strategies, curriculum design and program evaluation.

Required courses:
- EDACE 765 – Adult Learners and Integrating Technology into the Curriculum
- EDACE 785 – Designing Classroom Instruction and Curriculum for Adult Learners
- EDACE 790 – Characteristics of the Adult Learner
- EDACE 847 – Adult Learning and Motivation
- EDACE 875 – Program Evaluation

“One of the things I enjoyed most about the K-State program was the diversity...not only of the students, but also their locations.”

– Alicia, Master’s in Adult and Continuing Education

Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language for Adult Learners
18 credit hours

Globalization and changing demographics in the United States have made English literacy programs one of the fastest growing areas in adult education. This graduate certificate is designed for adult educators who work with second language learners but have had no formal education specific to adult learners or ESL. Participants acquire the instructional methods and principles of learning that promote linguistic, cognitive and academic development for culturally and linguistically diverse adult learners.

Required courses:
- EDACE 790 – Characteristics of the Adult Learner
- EDCI 720 – ESL/Dual Language Methods
- EDCI 731 – ESL/Dual Language Linguistics
- EDCI 742 – ESL/Dual Language Assessment
- EDACE 820 – Principles of Teaching Adults
- EDACE 822 – International Adult Education and Literacy

“If you are interested in really figuring out how to enhance your leadership skills, how to understand people, how to develop educational programs based on the diverse needs of adult learners, and everything from empowering people to learning how the brain works...[you] need to enroll at K-State and take advantage of what this program has to offer.”

– Jim, Master’s in Adult and Continuing Education
Program Highlights

• Eight-week sessions for EDACE courses
• No required prerequisites
• No out-of-state tuition
• Electronic portfolio or thesis option
• Ability to complete graduate certificates in 12-18 months; M.S. degree in two years

Application Process

• Complete Graduate School Application (application fee required for M.S. degree)
• Submit official transcript for all undergraduate course work (minimum 3.0 GPA required)
• Submit official transcript for all graduate-level course work
• Submit 1-2 page statement that includes a discussion of your career and professional goals and aspirations, and a description of your relevant professional experience in education or a related field
• Submit TOEFL scores if English is not first language

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Request more information

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