Do I need a bachelor’s degree in education to be eligible?
A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution in any area is acceptable for admission.

Do I need to be admitted to the K-State Graduate School prior to taking coursework?
You may take up to 9 graduate credit hours within one semester as a nondegree-seeking student in the Graduate School prior to being admitted into a master’s degree program.

Once admitted, how long will it take me to complete my master’s degree?
On the average, students who have families and work full-time often take at least one and a half to two years to complete the program. It may be necessary to take some online coursework to complete degree requirements.

Where are the courses offered?
The adult education courses are offered at K-State Olathe. The campus is just east of Kansas Highway 7 at the intersection of College Boulevard and Valley Road in Olathe.

My work requires occasional travel, which may cause me to miss a class. Would I be able to complete a course — or a degree — given this circumstance?
Instructors are sensitive to and usually very tolerant of unpredictable and sometimes uncontrollable work and life schedules adult students maintain. It is best to discuss your situation directly with each instructor at the time of enrollment.

Have questions or want more information?
Contact us:
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913-307-7349
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Alumni Comments

“I was very apprehensive about going back to school—especially graduate school—after being out so many years. However, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the program schedule and course content was designed with today’s non-traditional student in mind. Unlike my previous learning experience, I enjoyed the intellectual stimulation and practical application. Not only did the program benefit my personal and professional life, but the faculty and staff were committed to my success.”

“The program has afforded me the opportunity to merge 22 years of nursing experience with the principles of adult education to develop programs and educate the next generation of nurses.”

How do I enroll?

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