



THE MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION IN ADULT EDUCATION

Welcome

Adult education usually refers to the adult status of students and the concept of a facilitator working with adults to help them learn material they feel is necessary to improve some part of their lives.

The Master of Arts in Education in Adult Education prepares graduates to develop and deliver programs that serve the specific educational needs of adult learners. This program follows the scientist/practitioner model of training. It prepares students to be successful in research and practical applications. The program is practice-oriented, offering a broad foundation for the professional who will render a wide variety of adult education services.

There are two concentrations in this program. The **Adult Education - General Concentration** provides graduates with a general background in the field of adult education and a focus on teaching adults in a variety of settings. The **Adult Education - Community and Technical College Concentration** focuses on preparing instructors who work with adult learners in community and technical colleges. Graduates from this program will have eighteen hours in a specific discipline as well as a foundation of adult and higher learning classes.

Admission Requirements

Applicants need to be admitted to the Graduate College. Applicants to the M.A.E. in Adult Education need a minimum GAP Score (GRE x GPA) of 2200 with an Analytical Writing score of 3.5 or greater. Students who have taken the GRE prior to October 1, 2002 will need to have a GAP Score (V + Q + A) x GPA) of 3500 or greater. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements are encouraged to take the GRE again to improve their scores. If, after the second attempt at the GRE, applicants whose GAP scores do not meet the minimum requirements are encouraged to submit an alternate admission portfolio. For information on alternate admission visit <http://edtech.wku.edu/programs/AlternateAdmission.htm>

Those wishing to apply can apply online at www.wku.edu/graduate. Degree seeking applicants must have:

- A bachelor's degree from a college or university of recognized standing (Applicants from non-accredited institutions see below).
- An adequate preparation in the field of specialization.
- GRE / GMAT scores
- Application and Fee Students seeking a graduate degree must obtain (online or through the Graduate Studies office) an Application for Admission (Form A) from the Office of Graduate Studies. The completed form along with a one-time application fee of \$40.00 (non-refundable) must be returned to the Graduate Studies Office.
- Transcript Record Graduate of accredited institutions other than Western Kentucky University must submit an official transcript showing the completed degree to the Office of Graduate Studies. Applicants who have not completed the undergraduate degree are required to submit one official transcript at the time of application and one official transcript showing the degree is completed.

Program Requirements

Students can choose a General Concentration track or Community and Technical College Concentration track. The requirements differ between the two. Details for each area of concentration are below:

General Concentration (30 Hours Required)

Core Courses (15 hours) + Research Methods (3 hours)

Course	Name	Credit Hrs
ADED 510	Introduction to Adult Education	3.0
ADED 520	Methods for Teaching Adults	3.0
ADED 530	Program Planning for Adults	3.0
ADED 540	Philosophy and History of Adult Education	3.0
ADED 611	Adult Development and Learning	3.0
EDFN 500	Research Methods or equivalent as approved	3.0

Electives (6 hours) Courses may be selected from the following or from other courses with prior approval of advisor.

Course	Name	Credit Hrs
ADED 598	Adult Education Seminar	3.0
CNS 555	Social and Cultural Diversity in Counseling	3.0
CNS 556	Developmental Career Counseling	3.0
CNS 557	Human and Family Development in Counseling	3.0
CNS 572	American College Student	3.0
CNS 574	Student Development in Higher Education	3.0
CNS 577	Counseling Concepts and Applications for Student Affairs Professionals	3.0
CNS 580	Family Life Studies	3.0
CNS 586	Parenting Issues	3.0
CNS 667	Drug Abuse Counseling	3.0
CNS 670	Parameters of Law in Student Affairs and Higher Education	3.0
EXED 516	Exceptional Child: Perspectives and Issues	3.0
EXED 518	Seminar: Contemporary Challenges in Special Education	3.0
EXED 534	Seminar: Research in Exceptional Child Education	3.0
LTCY 519	Foundations of Reading Instructions	3.0
LTCY 523	Diagnostic Reading Procedures for Classroom Teachers	3.0
LME 535	Survey of Educational Technology Practices	3.0
LME 537	Principles of Educational Technology Practices	3.0
PSY 510	Advanced Education Psychology	3.0
PSY 511	Psychology of Learning	3.0

Students may take one of the following two options:

Thesis Option		
ADED 599	Thesis	6.0
Non-Thesis Option		
EDU 590	Adult Education Practicum	3.0
ADED 597	Directed Study in Adult Education	3.0

Community and Technical College Concentration (39 Hours)

Core Courses (12 hours) + Research Methods Course (3 hours)

Course	Name	Hours
ADED 510	Introduction to Adult Education	3.0
ADED 520	Methods for Teaching Adults	3.0
ADED 611	Adult Development and Learning	3.0
EDFN 612	Seminar in Community College Teaching	3.0
EDFN 500	Research Methods or equivalent as approved	3.0

Discipline Courses (18 hours)

Eighteen hours of content specific courses related to the student's teaching discipline in technical or community colleges, as approved by advisor.

Capstone Experience (6 hours)

Course	Name	Hours
ADED 589	Internship in Community and Technical College Teaching	3.0
ADED 597	Directed Study in Adult Education	3.0

Recommended Sequence of Courses

Certain courses may be offered on a rotating basis, so please plan your program of study carefully. Contact Dr. Jim Berger, the academic advisor for the program for additional information on course offerings at jim.berger@wku.edu. See what is currently being offered at www.wku.edu/online.

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