



Graduate Programs in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education



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“I’ve worked in the hospital setting for about 25 years, and now my responsibility is to provide professional development to other health care IT professionals for lifelong learning, engagement, and networking. I did not have the academic background in adult ed to deliver quality programs. So my education from Penn State World Campus really has given me a tremendous advantage, and I’m very proud and very pleased to have gone through the program. I can now provide the 55,000+ members of my organization with exceptional programming.”

—**JoAnn K., Graduate
Master of Education in Lifelong Learning
and Adult Education**





Online Graduate Programs in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education

You are making an important career decision by choosing Penn State's online programs in adult education as the next step in meeting your own education goals. Delivered 100% online through Penn State World Campus, the master's degree and postbaccalaureate certificates are designed for professionals who seek the best methods for teaching and training today's adult learners.

These programs allow you to study at times and locations that suit your busy schedule, so you can acquire respected credentials without setting foot on campus. And since you are able to continue your career while you complete the online program, you can immediately apply course concepts in your current position.

The courses in the certificate programs integrate into the master's program, allowing you to work on both at the same time—or step up into the master's program, if you apply and are granted admission.

Master's Degree

(30 credits)

Postbaccalaureate Certificates

(12 credits each)

Master of Education in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education

This 30-credit online master's program brings together working professionals from a variety of fields, including adult basic education and literacy, continuing professional education, corporate training, distance education, and education technology. The program format fosters a collaborative environment that benefits from the diverse skills and expertise of our students.

As a graduate of this program, you could provide leadership in one or more of the following domains of adult education practice: teaching and learning for adults, curriculum and instructional design and development in adult education, program planning and administration for adult learners, or curriculum and/or program evaluation within adult education programming.

Choose the Option That Fits Your Career Path

You may choose a formal option, which will appear on your transcripts. This can be useful if you wish to demonstrate specific content-area expertise for your current or prospective employers. Or, by selecting the general M.Ed. degree path, you have the flexibility to register for electives from several areas, providing you with a broader perspective and

exposure to all topics. Choose:

- › M.Ed. degree (no option)
- › Adult Basic Education and Literacy option
- › Global Online and Distance Education option

For a complete list of elective courses, visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/ae





Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Distance Education

This 12-credit online certificate program is for professionals who want to expand their knowledge and skills in the field of distance education and online learning. The program offers you the unique opportunity to learn from leaders in the field about distance and online teaching, design, research, and program development and assessment.

As an increasing number of academic institutions offer online programs, the demand for trained distance education professionals increases as well. Similarly, as business organizations look for more cost-effective ways of providing professional development opportunities for their employees, the need for trained distance education professionals will increase.

Curriculum

This certificate program consists of four required courses. All credits earned may be applied toward the Master of Education in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education if you apply and are granted admission into the program.

The course topics include introduction to adult education and distance education, distance education course design, and research and evaluation in distance education.

For a complete list of certificate courses, visit:

worldcampus.psu.edu/de

Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Adult Basic Education (ABE)

If you currently work, or if you wish to work, with adults or out-of-school youth who struggle with reading, writing, numeracy, and/or English language proficiency, this 12-credit online certificate could help you update your skills and add an important credential to your résumé.

Offered in partnership with Penn State's Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy, this program provides the opportunity to learn from faculty with academic and professional expertise in adult basic education (ABE). You can expand your knowledge to more effectively teach adult literacy and numeracy and enhance the overall quality of instruction for ABE students.

Curriculum

This certificate program consists of three required courses, with topics that include introduction to adult education, teaching math and numeracy to adults, and teaching reading to college students and adults.

You will also choose one elective course to tailor the program to your specific interest. Elective options include a variety of courses, such as ESL, program planning and administration, distance education, educational technology, and adult learning.

For more information, visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/abe



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Certificate

When applying to one of the certificate programs, you will need to complete the Penn State Graduate School Application and submit your nonrefundable fee.

For additional information about each certificate's application requirements:

Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Distance Education:

worldcampus.psu.edu/certapplyded

Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Adult Basic Education:

worldcampus.psu.edu/certapplyabe

Degree

When applying to the master's degree program, you should include the following:

- › GRE scores (waiver available)
- › TOEFL or IELTS score, if applicable
- › statement of purpose
- › Penn State Graduate School Application and nonrefundable fee
- › writing samples
- › two official transcripts from each institution attended
- › references

When all materials have been received, we will notify you about your status and provide guidance about the next steps to becoming a Penn State student.

For more information, visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/adult-education

Did You Know?

- › Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus.
- › Our online courses involve frequent interactions between students and with instructors.
- › Penn State World Campus has enrolled students from all 50 states and all 7 continents.
- › Penn State's College of Education is regularly ranked among the nation's best graduate schools by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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