



# 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 certificate 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 earn respected credentials without setting foot on campus. And because 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 program 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 Certificate**  
(9 credits)

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# 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 corporate, nonprofit, higher education, medical and health education, and community settings. 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 Master of Education 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:

- › General Master of Education Option
- › Global Online and Distance Education Option
- › Medical and Health Professions Option

For a complete list of elective courses, visit [worldcampus.psu.edu/ae](http://worldcampus.psu.edu/ae)





# Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Distance Education

This 9-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 three 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](https://worldcampus.psu.edu/de)



# Begin Your Application Today

## Certificate

When applying to the Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Distance Education program, you will need to complete the Penn State Graduate School Application and submit your nonrefundable fee.

For additional information about the certificate's application requirements, visit: [worldcampus.psu.edu/certapplyded](http://worldcampus.psu.edu/certapplyded)

## Degree

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

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

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

For more information, visit: [worldcampus.psu.edu/adult-education](http://worldcampus.psu.edu/adult-education)

## Did You Know?

- › Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus.
- › Penn State World Campus has enrolled students from all 50 states and all 7 continents.
- › Our online courses involve frequent interactions between students and with instructors.
- › 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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