“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 Klinedinst, Graduate
Master of Education in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education
Online Graduate Programs in Adult Education

You are making an important career decision by choosing Penn State’s online programs in adult education as the next step in your professional development. These programs are designed for professionals who are seeking the best methods for teaching and training today’s adult learners. And, as the Internet and related technologies continue to evolve, opportunities for skilled adult education professionals will continue to expand.

Penn State online 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 to the everyday activities in your current job.

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▶ Master of Education in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education (30 credits)
  - M.Ed. degree (no option)
  - Adult Basic Education and Literacy Option
  - Global Online and Distance Education Option

▶ Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Distance Education (12 credits)
▶ Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Adult Basic Education (12 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 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 should be able to 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 different 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. The program offers you the unique opportunity to learn about distance education while gaining new perspectives during your experience as an online student.

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’s Degree in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education if a student is 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 ABE Postbaccalaureate Certificate could help you update your skills as you add an important credential to your résumé.

This certificate was designed to expand your skills and knowledge so you can more effectively teach adult literacy and numeracy and improve the overall quality of instruction for students enrolled in adult basic education.

**Curriculum**

This certificate program consists of three required courses. The course topics 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, or adult learning.

For more information, visit

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Begin Your Application Today

**Getting Started**
To begin taking courses, you need to submit the online application form to the education program of your choice. To start your application process, visit [worldcampus.psu.edu](http://worldcampus.psu.edu) and click on “Apply Now.”

You may select nondegree status on your application form to begin courses right away. A limited number of credits completed under nondegree status can be transferred into a degree program. It is best to check with an academic adviser as you plan your course work.

**Degree**
When applying to the master’s degree program, you must include the following:

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

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

**Certificate**
When applying to the certificate program, you will need to complete the Penn State Graduate School Application and submit your nonrefundable fee.

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**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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