

The Adult Education Program

Purpose

The graduate program in Adult Education is intended to prepare motivated, committed and competent teachers, trainers, directors, and program developers of adult education programs for school, community and organizational settings.

General Objectives:

- A. To prepare individuals for diverse adult education and human resource development roles in school, community, and organizational settings.
- B. To provide professional development opportunities for human resource development and adult education staff in the field.
- C. To provide outreach and consultation services to schools, community and business organizations.

Specific Objectives:

The program of study is designed to foster the following:

- A. An understanding of the history, current state of the art and probable directions of human resource development and adult education.
- B. A thorough understanding of human resource development concepts, adult education theory and program development approaches and methods.
- C. A familiarity with employment contexts and professional requirements for adult education and human resource development positions in diverse organizational and community practice settings.
- D. An acquisition of skills in the use of research, management, curriculum development, teaching and evaluation methodologies in the planning, administration and delivery of human resource development programs for adult learners.
- E. A knowledge of adult education and human resource development professional organizations, clearinghouses, journals, publishers and resource networks and how to access them for program development and career development purposes.
- F. Competence and confidence in the application of acquired knowledge and skill to the requirements of employment as a program director, teacher/trainer and/or program developer of adult education and human resource development programs.
- G. An integration of the academic and applied experiences through a combination of theoretical and field-based courses.