

Adult Education, MS

College of Education

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The Adult Education program is designed to prepare effective adult educators who will become change agents within local and international communities. Curricular experiences emphasize the historical, philosophical, and socio-cultural foundations of adult education with a special focus on the Black Diaspora. Graduates are prepared to work as community activists, agency supervisors/directors, program planners, program facilitators/planners, community leaders/organizers, directors of professional organizations, media organizers, and many other community roles. The Adult Education program follows the professional standards devised by the Commission of Professors of Adult Education.

Additional Admission Requirements:

- Professional portfolio
- Written sample

Program Outcomes:

- Measurement and Evaluation: Develop and apply standards for evaluating projects, programs and educational research.
- Program Development: Assess design, deliver, and evaluate adult education and training programs.
- Application: Apply adult learning and development theories to increase adult performance at the individual, group, and/or organizational levels.
- Adult Program Processes: Facilitate the understanding of adult education program processes—planning, organizing, leading, implementing, budgeting, and evaluating.
- Communication: Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.

Degree Requirements

Total credit hours: 30

- Core courses (12 credits): ADED 707, 708, 709, 716

Thesis option:

- Take 3 credits: ADED 794
- Take 9 credits from: ADED 600-799 with approval of advisor
- Thesis (ADED 797: 6 credits)
- Pass thesis defense

Non-Thesis Option:

- Take 15 credits from: ADED 600-799 with approval of advisor
- Practicum (ADED 784: 3 credits)
- Pass comprehensive exam