Overview

Learning is a lifelong endeavor and trained specialists are needed to teach adult learners in postsecondary, community, and corporate settings. With coursework that is based in practice, yet grounded in current adult learning theory, the Adult Education and Training master’s degree prepares you to successfully plan and administer a wide range of training and educational programs.

Earn your adult education degree online and take your career to the next level as you become a more skilled adult educator and trainer in the following fields:

- Adult basic education
- Athletics coaching
- Corporate training
- Emergency medical services (EMS) education
- English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction
- Health education
- Outdoor education
- Many other fields involving adult learning

Through project-based assignments that ensure real-world knowledge and immediate application on the job, you will learn to think more strategically about:

- Adult learning theory
- Instructional design
- Methods of instruction
- Learning technologies
- Learning transfer
- Program assessment

Offered through the School of Education in the College of Health and Human Sciences, the master’s in adult education program gives you the skills to teach in a variety of adult learning environments within a culturally diverse global context.

Delivery

Online

Credits

30

Tuition

$584 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame

Can be completed in five semesters

Degree Awarded

Master of Education in Education and Human Resource Studies; transcript reflects the Adult Education and Training specialization

Offered By

School of Education

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CSU’s AET program was a solution to my academic and career obstacles. As a single parent and full-time government employee, I graduated with a degree from an amazing school that gave me the opportunity to integrate my ‘on the job’ experience with relevant adult education philosophies and applicable learning activities.

Dominique Rabine-Bucknor
AET Graduate
Curriculum

Required core courses
- EDAE 520 – Adult Education
- EDAE 620 – Processes and Methods
- EDAE 624 – Adult Teaching and Learning
- EDAE 639 – Instructional Design
- EDRM 600 – Introduction to Research Methods
- EDUC 651 – Multicultural and Special Populations

Elective courses
You are encouraged to take electives in your area of expertise and matched to your career goals. Suggested fields:

- EDAE 530 – Adult Basic Education
- EDAE 540 – English as a Second Language to Adult Learners
- EDAE 590 – Workshop: Teaching and Learning at a Distance
- EDAE 601 – Philosophy/Organization of Workforce Education
- EDAE 629 – Program Development
- EDAE 664 – Assessment and Evaluation in Adult Education
- EDAE 668 – Cognitive Theory and Learning Transfer
- EDAE 692 – Seminar: Adult Education: Experiential Learning
- EDAE 724 – Adult Teaching and Learning II
- EDUC 792 – Seminar: Learning Problem Solving through ID Case Studies

AET students interested in Organizational Learning, Performance, and Change (OLPC) may choose to take electives (up to 9 credits), from the OLPC program. The value of AET with an emphasis in OLPC may benefit students that are engaged in a variety of contexts that are associated with organizational change, organizational learning, or human resource development. The Student Affairs in Higher Education and Counseling and Career Development (on campus only) programs in the School of Education also offer courses that may be of significant interest for a student’s professional context. Students may also focus on research or content outside of the School of Education. Students will work with their advisor to plan a sequence of elective courses that best fit their interests and career track.

Minimum Admission Requirements
A bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
- GPA greater than 3.0
- Applicants with a GPA lower than 3.0 must demonstrate their potential for academic success by providing additional information. Contact an AET faculty member to discuss your options.
- GRE scores are not required

Completion Requirements
- Minimum of 30 credits of academic coursework
- 24 credits must be earned from Colorado State University