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, this master's degree prepares you to successfully plan and administer a wide range of training and educational programs for a variety of delivery formats, including traditional face-to-face, blended learning, and online learning environments.

Looking for a career change or to take your career to the next level? Earn your master’s in adult education online 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

Participate with classmates from a wide variety of fields and backgrounds. Offered through the School of Education in the College of Health and Human Sciences, the online 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.
Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **June 1**  
Spring semester: **October 15**  
Summer semester: **March 15**

1. **Review Admission Requirements**
   - A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution or a CSU-recognized international institution is required.
   - Minimum 3.00 GPA
   - Applicants whose GPA is below 3.00 are still encouraged to apply. You may be required to demonstrate your potential for academic success by providing additional evidence. Please contact an AET faculty member to discuss your options.

2. **Prepare Application Materials**
   - Statement of purpose
   - Resume or vita
   - Three letters of recommendation

3. **Complete Online Application**
   Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.
   - Choose Education and Human Resource Studies / Adult Education and Training (M.Ed.) - Distance for the program of study

4. **Request Transcripts**
   Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.
   - Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu
   - Send paper copies to:
     Graduate Admissions  
     Colorado State University – Office of Admissions  
     1062 Campus Delivery  
     Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

**Check Your Application Status**
View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates.

**Selection Timeline**
Applications are reviewed regularly. Application reviews begin after January 15 for summer and fall applications, and October 15 for spring applications. Once your application is completed, a decision will be made within 3-6 weeks.

**International Students**
See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.