

Adult Basic Education

Graduate Certificate



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
ONLINE

Overview

CSU's online Graduate Certificate in Adult Basic Education provides training and personal development opportunities for those teaching, or wishing to teach, in adult basic education (ABE) programs. With a focus on foundational skills, methods, and theories for teaching adult learners, the online program seeks to develop educators who can create effective curriculum and learning environments for their students.

Learn how to effectively teach and facilitate learning for adults

This certificate is taught by instructors who bring contemporary academic research and years of experience to your online classes and teach you the latest in instructional design, assessment, and evaluation. You will:

- Learn new techniques, tools, and processes for teaching and facilitating.
- Be encouraged to directly apply what you are learning to your professional settings.
- Understand how to better design learning settings to meet your learners' needs.
- Become a better practitioner of adult teaching and learning.
- Describe and evaluate different concepts of adult learning.
- Identify and articulate what makes an effective adult learning facilitator.
- Learn how to create an inclusive, challenging, and effective learning environment.
- Analyze and evaluate methods of instruction.
- Gain knowledge and skills specifically applicable to your teaching environment and learners.

Curriculum

- **EDAE 520** – Adult Education (3 cr., fall and spring)
- **EDAE 530** – Adult Basic Education (3 cr., fall and spring)
- **EDAE 540** – Teaching English as a Second Language to Adult Learners (3 cr., fall and summer)
- **EDAE 620** – Processes and Methods (3 cr., fall and summer)

The four courses required for the online Graduate Certificate in Adult Basic Education also fulfill the Adult Basic Education Authorization (ABEA) requirements for educators in Colorado. The ABEA is issued through Educator Licensing at the Colorado Department of Education. In addition to coursework, the ABEA is obtained through documented evidence and demonstrated competency in foundational knowledge in the field of adult basic education and family literacy. [Visit the CDE website](#) for complete certification requirements.

Delivery

Online

Credits

12 credits

Tuition

\$635 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Can be completed in two semesters, depending on intensity of study

More info

online.colostate.edu/certificates/adult-basic-education

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Application Deadline

Fall semester: **July 15**

Spring semester: **January 2**

Summer semester: **April 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** – address all of the following in your statement:
 - » Reasons for seeking the Graduate Certificate in Adult Basic Education.
 - » A summary of your long-term professional, educational, or personal goals and how the certificate will meet your goals.
 - » Your expectations for the certificate program.
- **Resume or vita** – include job duties and dates of all professional employment.

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 “Adult Basic Education (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

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.

International Students

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

