

Adult Basic Education Certificate

Note: New certificate students should begin with one of the two required introductory courses.

Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Offered*		
			FA	SP	SU
EDUC 7601	Introduction to Adult Education	4 credits	X		X
EDUC 7631	Introduction to the Adult ESL Learner: Developing Reading & Writing	2 credits		X	X
EDUC 7636	Course Design for Adult Education Classes	2 credits	X		X
EDUC 7638	Assessments in Adult Education	2 credits	X	X	

**Subject to change, please check Pipeline for current course offerings.*

Course Description: EDUC 7601 Introduction to Adult Education

This course familiarizes teachers with the field of adult education and its major components. This course explores the theoretical underpinnings of adult learning and how these take shape in today's adult education classrooms. The course includes an emphasis on the skills needed for adults to transition to deeper engagement within their communities, high school completion, and increasing achievement in careers and post-secondary settings. Sections of the course concentrate on many of the essential components of adult basic learning, including effective communication, numeracy, and literacy.

Course Description: EDUC 7631 Introduction to the Adult ESL Learner: Developing Reading & Writing

Uncover the nature of oral communication. Gain an awareness of the form, meaning, and use of spoken English and how to present language to learners most effectively. Learn about the principles of teaching listening and speaking; use of authentic materials; and the assessment of oral proficiency and listening comprehension. Develop a basic understanding of the sound system of English phonetics, stress, rhythm and intonation. Learn strategies for teaching pronunciation. Emphasis is on developing classroom practices that maximize students' participation. If you are new to the field of adult ESL and are planning to follow the entire sequence of courses, you must start with ESL 6631 or 6634. Target audience: ESL teachers of adult learners.

Course Description: EDUC 7636 Course Design for Adult Education Classes

How can ESL teachers develop courses to meet a variety of language and learning needs? ESL students come to programs for a variety of reasons: some need English for the workplace; some need survival English; others may want to study in a community college or university. Explore the principles of needs assessment and course design, and learn the tools to develop courses which are tailored to the language and learning needs of your students. Create curricula and materials for use in your own program. Target audience: ESL teachers of adult learners.

Course Description: EDUC 7638 Assessments in Adult Education

Focus on the basic principles of testing and evaluation, and how assessment is related to curriculum. Learn how to conduct valid and reliable formal and informal assessment of ESL learners. Develop authentic assessment tools for academic and workplace settings. Discuss entrance and exit criteria for ESL programs and how to assess student progress. Explore the politics of testing and assessment. Target audience: ESL teachers of adult learners.