Master of Arts in Adult Education (510)

Do you wish to develop knowledge and skills to work with adult learners in industry, schools, and military settings?

If the answer to this question is “yes,” then earning a Master of Arts degree in Adult Education will allow you to accomplish this goal.

Degree/Program Description
Northwestern State University offers the only graduate degree in Adult Education in the state of Louisiana. Designed according to the Standards for Certification of the Commission of Professors of Adult Education, the program maintains academic excellence, technological sophistication, and a student-centered environment for both traditional and distant learners. Learning experiences in required courses prepare students in program design and planning, writing and evaluating adult learning, and theory and practice of electronic learning and staff development. The culminating project is often a major instructional program that can be implemented immediately in a job setting.

The Master of Arts in Adult Education requires 33 semester hours of coursework that includes 12 hours in the foundation area, 12 hours in the concentration area, 6 hours in a support area, and 3 hours in an application area. All courses are offered through a distance learning delivery system via the Internet.

Typical Positions Assumed by Adult Education Graduates
Graduates find employment in workforce development sites such as general equivalency diploma (GED) centers, technical and community colleges, military or industrial training settings, community centers, and public or private agencies.

The requirements for the Master of Arts in Adult Education (510) include 33 semester hours of online coursework as follows:

A. Foundations: EDUC 5840 (3 hours), EDAE 5700 (3 hours), EPSY 5700 (3 hours), ETEC 5780 (3 hours)

B. Concentration Area: EDAE 5730 (3 hours), EDAE 5740 (3 hours), EDAE 5750 (3 hours), EDAE 5800 (3 hours)

C. Support Area: 6 semester hours from Adult Education, Educational Leadership, or Educational Technology (Must be approved by major professor)

D. Application Area: EDUC 5950 (3 hours) or EDUC 5980 (6 hours)

Course Rotation

First Semester
EDAE 5700    Foundations of Adult/Continuing Education
EPSY 5700    Development and Learning in Adulthood

Second Semester
EDAE 5800    Teaching Adults
ETEC 5780    Technology Planning and Administration

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Third Semester
EDAE 5730 Organization & Administration of Adult Education Classes
EDUC 5840 Research Based Decision Making in Education

Fourth Semester
EDAE 5740 Adult Learning in Distant Education Settings
Support course Adult Education, Educational Leadership, or Educational Technology (Approved by major professor)

Fifth Semester
EDAE 5750 Program Development Process in Adult and Continuing Education
Support Course Adult Education, Educational Leadership, or Educational Technology (Approved by major professor)

Sixth Semester
EDUC 5950 Project in lieu of thesis

1Based upon students pursuing 6-hours per semester and a project-in-lieu of thesis (EDUC 5950), rather than thesis (EDUC 5980).

Certifications
Northwestern also offers courses leading to teaching certification in Adult Education (for those teachers already certified in a content area); an endorsement for teaching courses leading to a general equivalency diploma (GED); and an endorsement for a GED Center Supervisor (for those already certified in Supervision). Adult education students may enroll in certification courses only or may complete these courses as part of a degree program.

Why choose Northwestern for certification or a graduate degree?
Founded in 1884 as Louisiana State Normal School for the preparation of teachers, Northwestern continues to maintain its reputation as a model for excellence in instruction and learning. Students choose Northwestern because they know they will receive an excellent education and be well-prepared to meet their responsibilities of their future job.

The Adult Education program at Northwestern has consistently produced outstanding graduates who have pursued careers in businesses, post secondary institutions, and community and social agencies. Graduates of the Adult Education program demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that are expected of professionals in these careers.

Admission Information
Candidates must be admitted to Northwestern:

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