

Student Learning Outcomes

Department of Foundations and Adult Education
M.S. Program in Adult and Continuing Education
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The M.S. in Adult and Continuing Education is designed to provide students with initial preparation in and understanding of the field of adult and continuing education with special emphasis upon the development of skills, knowledge and attitudes which are related to meaningful educational practice. As such this degree is designed have a core of coursework common to all students and a series of elective hours which are designed to meet specific student needs, goals and interests as applied to a variety of adult and continuing education programmatic venues. The following three outcomes are common to all M.S. Programs in Adult Education.

Foundations of Adult and Continuing Education

The student will acquire knowledge about selected foundational aspects of the field of adult and continuing education.

Content of the Field of Adult and Continuing Education

The student will demonstrate knowledge of appropriate elements of the adult and continuing literature and be able to apply this knowledge to the improvement of educational opportunities for adult learners.

Practice of Adult and Continuing Education

The student will be able to use research-based information, to assist making decisions, solving problems, and evaluating actions in adult and continuing education settings.

A fourth outcome is common to only M.S. Programs in Adult and Continuing Education in which a student chooses to write a thesis.

Research in Adult and Continuing Education

The student will demonstrate in a general knowledge of methods of educational research and data analysis, apply specific appropriate methods and conduct original research in the field of adult and continuing education.