

Student Learning Outcomes

Department of Foundations and Adult Education
Ph.D. Program in Adult and Continuing Education
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The Ph.D. in Adult and Continuing Education is designed to provide students with advanced 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 excellence in research. As such this degree is most often individually designed to meet specific student needs, goals and interests as applied to conducting in depth research applicable in a variety of adult education settings. The following four outcomes are however common to all Ph.D. Programs in Adult Education.

Foundations of the Field of Adult and Continuing Education

The student will acquire a breadth of theoretically and research based knowledge of the historical, philosophical, sociocultural and psychological basis for professional adult and continuing education practice.

Content of the Field of Adult and Continuing Education

The student will demonstrate an extensive knowledge of adult and continuing research and theory 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 interpret theoretically grounded and research-based information, adapt to changing situations, make complex decisions, solve problems, and evaluate actions in an adult and continuing education setting.

Research in Adult and Continuing Education

The student will demonstrate in depth knowledge of methods of educational research and data analysis, apply specific appropriate methods of inquiry to theoretically and research oriented questions and conduct original research in the field of adult and continuing education.