Graduate Certificate in Adult Education in the Health and Medical Professions

The Graduate Certificate in Adult Education in the Health and Medical Professions is aimed at those who teach in the Medical and Health Sciences who are preparing adult learners for professional practice in medicine, nursing, or in the allied health professions.

Many who teach in such settings have strong content knowledge in their area of professional practice, but have little background in education on how to effectively teach adult learners.

This 12-credit graduate certificate will assist medical and health professionals in increasing their knowledge and competence in educating adult learners in medical education/health science settings.

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Curriculum
Overall Objectives
The objectives of the certificate are to promote:

- Awareness of how learning theory informs practice;
- Effective methods for teaching adults;
- Development of a reflective practice;
- Understanding of program/instructional design.

Courses
The three required classes include the following and assumes that the candidate would relate a part of their papers or assignments to the areas of health, nursing, or medical education:

- ADTED 460: Introduction to Adult Education
- ADTED 501: Foundations of Medical Education
- ADTED 505: Teaching of Adults

Graduate Elective Course (3 credits)
The 3-credit graduate elective will be related to the candidate's specific interest in medical/health education, and could include other graduate courses in the Adult Education Program or another related area.

Program Requirements for Admission
How to Enroll
Applicants for the Graduate Certificate in Adult Education in the Health and Medical Professions must have received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. To enroll, follow these instructions:

1. Complete the online application within the [Graduate School Admissions Portal](#).
   - After logging into the Portal, select "Certificate Admission."
   - Choose "Harrisburg" for Campus, then select "Adult Education in the Health and Medical Professions" from the Certificate list.

2. Submit the following materials electronically, via email to Ms. Debbie Klugh, dlk33@psu.edu with a cc: to Dr. Elizabeth Tisdell, ejt11@psu.edu
   - A one to two page résumé.
   - A statement describing professional goals, experience, and responsibilities (2 pages maximum).
   - One letter of recommendation.

3. Mail official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate programs previously attended, to:

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