The Master of Education in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education is a practitioner’s degree that is intended to increase the knowledge and competence of those who work with adult learners in a variety of settings. Coursework, reading assignments, research projects, collaborative learning opportunities and ongoing discussions provide for in-depth and challenging learning experiences that can be applied to one’s immediate work and life context.

The program is interdisciplinary and flexible, with emphasis on teaching in a sociocultural context in a variety of adult education venues such as in higher education, business and industry, community organizations, cultural institutions, the health and medical professions, consulting, and more. Students can also choose a specific focus area in the Health and Medical Professions.

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Curriculum

General Degree Requirements

The M.Ed. program in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education requires 30 credits of course work. It consists of a required core of 12 credits in ADTED courses and 18 credits in ADTED or other electives. The 12 core ADTED credits include the following four specified courses:

- ADTED 460 Introduction to Lifelong Learning and Adult Education (3)
- ADTED 505 The Teaching of Adults (3)
- ADTED 542 Perspectives on Adult Learning Theory (3)
- ADTED 588 Professional Seminar: Research and Adult Education (3)

M.Ed. students are required to write a master's paper as part of the required 30 credits of course work. Students complete the master's paper while enrolled in ADTED 588 during their last semester. A minimum of 18 credits out of the 30 must be taken at the 500- or 800-level, with a minimum of 6 credits at the 500 level, and a minimum of 24 credits must be in ADTED prefix courses.

Lifelong Learning and Adult Education M.Ed. students at Penn State Harrisburg can select either the general M.Ed. degree or the Medical and Health Professions option. The M.Ed. in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education – Medical and Health Professions Option consists of the required core of 12 credits in ADTED courses, 9 credits in ADTED courses required for this option, and 9 credits of ADTED or other electives. The 12 core ADTED credits include the following four specified courses: ADTED 460, 505, 542, and 588. All students in this option also take three required courses:

- ADTED 501 Foundations of Medical Education (3)
- ADTED 502 Program and Instructional Design in Medical Education (3)
- ADTED 507 Research and Evaluation in Adult Education (3)

Students then choose at least 3 additional credits (one course) from the following ADTED courses in consultation with their adviser: ADTED 470, 510, 531, 533, 575, or 581. Other courses may be substituted for these electives with the adviser's permission. Students also choose 6 additional credits of electives in consultation with their adviser.

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 599. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Please visit http://goo.gl/rSglol for a complete course list.

Program Requirements for Admission

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<td>Supporting Materials</td>
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At the discretion of a graduate program, a student may be admitted provisionally for graduate study in the program without these scores.

The best-qualified applicants will be accepted up to the number of spaces available for new students.

Application Deadline

This program has rolling admission, that is, no specific deadline. Note that it may take 4-6 weeks to receive transcripts and process an application.