Join Us!

Application Deadlines:
October 1 - Spring Admission*
February 1 - Fall Admission*

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The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is proud to be the first R1 University in the country to offer a Distance Education Adult Learning PhD program, fully remote and flexible for working students, with no requirement to report physically to campus!

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Why Join?

- Flexible Online Learning.
- Supportive Community.
- Innovative Research.
- Career Advancement.

The PhD Concentration in Adult Learning falls under the umbrella of the Ed Psychology & Research major. Our new program will be fully online and flexible, with a supportive environment of both synchronous Zoom classes and asynchronous coursework via Canvas.

Students will typically enroll in six courses per year (two per semester including summer semester) and complete the PhD requirements, including dissertation defense, in 5 years.

Our graduates gain a valuable, well-rounded background in 1) educational foundations, 2) adult learning & development, and 3) research methods, and go on to advanced careers in their chosen fields.

New Program Curriculum
Fully Online

Basic Core Courses (27 credit hours)
- EDPY519 Writing for Professional Publication
- EDPY520 Survey of Adult Education (3)
- EDPY521 Program Planning in Adult Education (3)
- EDPY527 Ethical Issues in Adult Education
- EDPY528 Adult Education Movement U.S.: An Examination of the History & Literature (3)
- EDPY529 Facilitating Adult Learning (3)
- EDPY538 Non-Western Perspectives on Teaching & Learning
- EDPY539 International Comparative Adult Education (3)
- One 3-credit course approved by the advisor.

Advanced Core Courses (19 credit hours)
- EDPY601 Professional Seminar (1)
- EDPY615 Advanced Study of Adult Learning and Development (theory & research)
- EDPY625 Advanced Seminar in Lifelong Learning (3)
- EDPY622 Advanced Seminar in Adult Education (3)
- EDPY626 Advanced Learning in Social Context (3)
- EDPY630 Learning to Develop and Emerge as Scholars (3)
- EDPY632 Dissertation Research Proposal Writing (3)

Research Methods (15 credit hours)
- Research courses must include classes in research methods, quantitative methodology, and qualitative research, as well as two additional courses as approved by the advisor.
- Required: EDPY506, EDPY559, EDPY577
- Select two courses from the following: EDPY530, EDPY533, one advanced qualitative methods course approved by the advisor.

Dissertation (24 credit hours)
- EDPY600

Interested in elevating your career?
The Adult Learning PhD online program is designed for those within a broad variety of practices and backgrounds - including education, healthcare, government and community-based organizations, industry, and more - who wish to facilitate adult learning in their chosen professional setting.