A Versatile Career

Adult Education is everywhere. Whether an adult is on the Internet seeking information, engaged in training at work, sitting in the waiting room reading a magazine at a doctor’s office, at a community center engaged in job skills training, or attending a college or university, adult education is taking place. And, our Adult Education program prepares individuals to work with adults in these and other settings.

To equip present and future professionals for “cutting edge” jobs and responsibilities in a variety of contexts, the Adult Education program is based on the idea that adults as learners are different from children as learners. Adult learning principles are practiced throughout the program as the most effective way to help adult learners engage in learning activities that relate to their work setting, areas of interest, and careers.

Today’s technologically-oriented society calls for educators whose academic preparation and philosophical outlook reflect understanding and concern for the unique needs of the adult learner. All course work can be completed in a traditional format or done online, which enables students to take courses from anywhere in the world. This also provides for a rich learning experience as students interact with other learners not only in the United States, but also from other countries.
What can you do with a Masters in Adult Education?

The field of Adult Education is diverse and cuts across many disciplines. Our students and graduates well represent that diversity. They work in a variety of settings including, but not limited to Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Educational Development (GED), community and community-based education, military services, corrections, gerontology, health, nursing, business, non-profit, government, human resources development (HRD), and higher education.

Online Coursework; On-site Internships

Your coursework will be done online as you learn from world-class faculty experts. It is possible to obtain your degree in four or five semesters in a program that offers:

- Flexible scheduling for full- or part-time study
- Opportunities to explore areas of interest within program guidelines
- Core courses investigating current, crucial issues of education
- Specialization areas

The degree program includes courses in foundations, curriculum and teaching (including distance learning), organization and administration, research, and electives so that you can create an emphasis area to fit your career goals. You will also complete an internship in your chosen degree emphasis area.

Innovative Education… Engaged Educators

The College of Education at UMSL offers authentic, in-depth learning experiences to prepare current and future education professionals for transformative roles in their communities and careers.

As a graduate student in Education, your program may include:

— Action research projects that can inform and enrich your current position
— Internships or practicums that provide you the real skills needed to excel
— Opportunities to study with research scholars and fellows in one of our many academic centers.

UMSL at a glance

The University of Missouri—St. Louis is a public, research university located in Missouri’s most populous and economically important region. Founded in 1963, UMSL attracts more students than any other university in the St. Louis region.

We offer you 54 undergraduate degree choices from our five colleges. And we partner with more than 400 companies and organizations for our internship program. You’ll get out of the classroom, gain practical experience, make connections and jump-start your career.

St. Louis: Something for everyone

UMSL is a vital part of St. Louis, and the city and surrounding areas make up the most culturally vibrant region in Missouri. That means we offer you more than a top-ranked learning environment.

There’s a night out with friends on Washington Avenue. An exhibit opening at the Saint Louis Art Museum. A Saturday afternoon at the Saint Louis Zoo. A home-run celebration at Busch Stadium.

St. Louis is a place where you can be you.