

CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATING ADULTS

The School for New Learning at DePaul offers a unique certificate in educating adults. The three graduate-level courses that comprise this certificate will help practitioners develop knowledge, skills and perspectives centered on designing, assessing and facilitating adult learning in various settings. These core courses emphasize outcomes-oriented approaches that are learner- and learning-centered.

The following courses are required to earn your certificate in educating adults:

EA517 Facilitating Adult Learning

In this course, students will develop and hone skills to facilitate adult learning in a variety of settings. Students will learn concepts that inform learner-centered methods and techniques of facilitating learning. Throughout the course, they will apply various methods and techniques in various settings and reflect on how these methods influence learning. The repertoire of skills that students develop as facilitators of learning will have both immediate and future application.

EA516 Designing Educational Offerings

In this course, students will be introduced to major components involved in designing educational offerings for adult learners in various face-to-face settings. Students will develop (or revise) a design plan for an educational offering appropriate to their selected adult clientele. In particular, they will articulate learning outcomes around which to build their design plan (backward design). They will apply theories, concepts and principles of adult learning while making design decisions.

EA526 Assessing Learning and Evaluating Programs

In this course, students will learn about and apply various approaches, strategies and tools for assessing learning outcomes of individuals. Students will select and apply assessment models relevant to their practice settings and gain skills in designing assessment instruments. Students also will be introduced to basic approaches and concepts involved in evaluating educational programs, with particular attention to how assessing learning can connect with program evaluation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the certificate in educating adults, students must have a completed undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants will be required to complete a personal interview with a representative of the School for New Learning graduate admission committee, which will be scheduled upon initial review of all submitted application materials.

To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application
- A \$25 nonrefundable application fee (waived for DePaul Alumni)
- A current résumé
- Official transcripts documenting all prior college/university course work

NOTE: Standardized test scores are not required; however, applicants who have taken tests such as the GRE, GMAT, Miller Analogies, etc., within the previous three years are encouraged to submit their scores. International students are advised to contact DePaul's International Programs Office to learn of further university requirements that may apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at go.depaul.edu/apply.

Transcripts and other required credentials should be mailed to:

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