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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 Ph.D. program in Adult and Continuing Education***

fully remote and flexible for working adults, with no requirement to physically report to campus!

***Data collected in 2022**



Distance Education Adult and Continuing Education PhD Program

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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Our program will be **fully online using asynchronous methods**, with a **supportive** environment of asynchronous coursework delivery.

Students will typically enroll in six courses per year (two per semester, including summer semester) and complete the Ph.D. requirements, including dissertation defense, in 5-6 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.

The Program Curriculum

Fully Online Using Asynchronous Methods

Basic Core Courses (27 credit hours)

- **ACED 519 Writing for Professional Publication (3)**
- **ACED 520 Survey of Adult Education (3)**
- **ACED 521 Program Planning in Adult Education (3)**
- **ACED 525 Adult Learning (3)**
- **ACED 527 Ethical Issues in Adult Education (3)**
- **ACED 528 Adult Education Movement U.S.: An Examination of the History & Literature (3)**
- **ACED 529 Facilitating Adult Learning (3)**
- **ACED 538 Non-Western Perspectives on Teaching & Learning (3)**
- **ACED 539 International Comparative Adult Education (3)**

Advanced Core Courses (18 credit hours)

- **ACED 615 Advanced Study of Adult Learning and Development (theory & research) (3)**
- **ACED 625 Advanced Seminar in Lifelong Learning (3)**
- **ACED 622 Advanced Seminar in Adult Education (3)**
- **ACED 626 Advanced Learning in Social Context (3)**
- **ACED 630 Learning to Develop and Emerge as Scholars (3)**
- **ACED 632 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: EDPY 506, ESM 559, ESM 577**
- **Select two courses from ACED 530, ESM 533, or one advanced qualitative methods course approved by the program director.**

Dissertation (24 credit hours)

- **ACED 600**

Check Out Our **Adult Learning In Professional Settings Graduate Certificate!**

Interested in elevating your career?

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

