

# MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.Ed.)

Specialization in

## Adult Education and Training



### OVERVIEW

The role of instructors, instructional designers and curriculum developers has changed dramatically over the past decade. Today, education focuses on ensuring that educational programs help learners understand abstract concepts, solve problems, work as effective team members and develop critical-thinking skills.

AIU's Master of Education Degree program provides a solid foundation for effective educational practice and advancement for all levels of educational practitioners including K-12\*, higher education and corporate learning. Students could develop a solid foundation in learning theory, instructional design and instructional technology, as well as application of educational research methods.

This professionally-focused M.Ed. program is designed to help students utilize authentic tools (such as Lectora) and assessment in application of learning outcomes. They can also learn to collaborate in a community of learners for professional application of skills and learn the importance of asking the right questions in order to prompt efficient and effective answers.

### CURRICULUM INCLUDES

In this specialized course of study, students can be provided with the preparation needed to teach adult students in various settings, including basic and remedial education programs, continuing-education programs and programs designed to develop or upgrade specific employment-related knowledge and skills.

Specialization courses are structured to assist students in the development of their goals as they can learn advanced knowledge and skills common to today's educational professionals. For example:

- In **The Art and Science of Learning**, students can explore developmental, behaviorist, cognitive, social and adult learning theories as well as the research regarding the role of motivation and transfer of learning in novel domains.
- In **Characteristics of Adult Learners**, students can examine theories of adult learning, including andragogy, adult developmental-stage theories and action learning, along with a focus on assessment of learning needs and evaluation of education and training outcomes among adult populations.
- In **Designing Instructions for Adult Learners**, students can learn instructional design for various venues, groupings and situations common to adult learning environments, such as vocational classrooms, field training, and individual and group learning.
- In **Facilitating & Assessing Adult Learning**, students can examine the tools for engaging adult learners, conducting classes in unfamiliar circumstances and classroom management appropriate to adult audiences.

\*American InterContinental University's Master of Education degree is not designed to meet state educator licensing or advancement requirements; however, it may assist candidates in gaining these approvals in their state of residence depending on those requirements. Contact the state board of education in the applicable state(s) for details.

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by U.S. News & World Report in  
**The Best Online**  
**Graduate Education**  
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is programmatically  
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by AAQEP.



### WHY AIU®?

AIU is serious about helping busy professionals get where they want to be. Our undergraduate and graduate programs are taught by industry specialists who bring real-world perspectives into the classroom and will work with you one-on-one when you need it.

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### COURSEWORK

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The AIU Master of Education (M.Ed) degree program is designed to help address the burgeoning role of technology in the learning process and the demand for both educators and designers who have solid skills in utilizing technology in the classroom, laboratory and distributed-learning environments.

### FOCUS ON YOUR SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST

By studying advanced topics in adult education and training to complete the specialization requirements, AIU can give you an opportunity to learn how to create a plan for implementation of learning content in various educational settings.

### A CURRICULUM TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

In addition to a quality curriculum based on industry-relevant standards, AIU's M.Ed with a specialized focus in Adult Education and Training is taught by instructors, many with experience in the fields they teach, who may bring firsthand perspectives into their classrooms. This could give you an opportunity to learn from educators who can share their understanding of the qualities and skills sought in today's competitive marketplace.

## OUTCOMES

### WE CAN HELP YOU LEARN HOW TO:

- Use appropriate methods to analyze and document needs of adult learners in academic and organizational settings.
- Apply andragogical theory along with appropriate motivation theories in the design of individual and group learning events for adults.
- Illustrate methods and processes associated with a range of remedial to advanced adult learners for successful learning results.
- Develop safety and security procedures that should be in effect for adult learning events and activities, including classroom sessions, on-the-job training, individual one-on-one training or tutoring, laboratory sessions, and field learning events.
- Develop an evaluation plan for both individual and classroom-based learning events, including formative and summative evaluation, applying at least one recognized model for evaluation of learning and a recognized model for return on training investment.



### REQUIRED COURSES

#### CORE COURSES

EDU 602	Analysis, Assessment, and Technology	6
EDU 604	Integrative Design and Evaluation	6
EDU 622	Applying Learning Theories	6
EDU 624	Mastery in Educational Specialty	6

**Total Core Requirements** **24**

#### ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING SPECIALIZATION COURSES

EDU 652	The Art and Science of Learning	6
EDU 656	Characteristics of Adult Learners	6
EDU 662	Designing Instructions for Adult Learners	6
EDU 667	Facilitating & Assessing Adult Learning	6

**Total Specialization Requirements** **24**

**Total M.Ed. Degree Requirements** **48 Credits**



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