



Graduate Programs in Adult Education

The Faculty of Education has developed a reputation both locally and internationally for innovation and creativity in the area of adult education. It provides a range of specialist courses leading to vocational outcomes for teachers in schools, the health and human services industry, alternative educational settings, the public service sector and the wider community.

Programs in adult education are offered at the following levels:

- Graduate Diploma
- Masters by coursework or research
- PhD and EdD

Flexible Class Times for Working Students

Most units of study offered in the adult education programs are delivered in intensive block all-day sessions over selected weekends. Some of the elective units are scheduled in the evening as weekly 3-hour lectures/workshops from 5.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.



Graduate Diploma in Adult Literacy and Basic Education (ALBE)

This is an advanced professional qualification for teaching in the field of adult literacy and basic education. The course consists of 120 credit points of study or six semester length units. Candidates may exit the Graduate Diploma with a Graduate Certificate in ALBE after completion of 60 credit points of study. Availability of units varies each year. Students select from the following:

- Adult Education: theory, practice and change
- Learning and Professional Practice
- Learning, Reading and Writing
- Developments in Literacy Education
- Literacies, Life Stories and Community Learning
- Intercultural Communication and Education
- Managing Organisational Change
- Methods of Teaching (Adult)
- Curriculum Development and Design
- Teaching Practicum (in TAFE or an adult setting)

Combining ALBE with TESOL

Candidates with an interest in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) may combine their ALBE studies with TESOL electives. These include:

- Language Teaching 1 (studies in the basic structure and usage of English)
- Language Teaching 2 (the methodology of TESOL)
- Language Teaching Practice (22 days of supervised teaching practice in TESOL)

Note: The above three units of study are recognised as the academic equivalent of the Graduate Certificate in TESOL.

Entry requirements

A bachelor degree or equivalent tertiary qualification.

Graduate Diploma in Industry Training and Education

This program equips graduates or industry trained professionals to work as professional educators or trainers in business, government, industry, technical and further education (TAFE), vocational education and training (VET), and the community.

The course consists of 120 credit points of study and can be taken over one year full-time or part-time 2 – 4 years.

The core units of study are:

- Methods of Teaching (Adult)
- Curriculum Development and Design

Elective units in the candidate's area of interest can be selected from those available in the year of enrolment and may include:

- Adult Education: theory, practice and change
- Holistic Education
- Leadership and Team Building
- Managing Organisational Change

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- Intercultural Communication and Education
- Using Multimedia for Learning
- Supervised teaching practice in a relevant setting

Entry requirements

A bachelor degree or equivalent tertiary qualification. Special entry will be considered for industry trained professionals with TAFE qualifications or relevant employment experience.

Note: Graduate Diplomas can be taken as Year 1 of a 2-year Masters of Adult Education, Master of Education (Applied Learning) or alternative Master's program in Education.

Graduate Diploma in Vocational Education and Training

Please refer to the separate leaflet for more details on this program.

The course is offered jointly through the Faculty of Education at La Trobe University and selected institutes of TAFE or registered VET training authorities. It provides a professional teacher education credential for those who are currently involved with teaching or training in environments such as industry or TAFE, or those who have an interest in this area.

The aim of the course is to combine leading edge professional courses in teaching methodology, curriculum development, and theories of adult education, together with a specialised TAFE program relevant to teachers in the tertiary and industry training sectors and in community education programs.

The course requires completion of 2 core units as per the Graduate Diploma in Industry Training program plus an elective unit, together with the TAFE Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAA40104) and 60 hours of supervised teaching practice in TAFE.

Entry Requirements

A bachelor degree, or a professional qualification which satisfies requirements

for employment in the TAFE sector; that is, a minimum of Level 3 Certificate plus approved industry experience.

Master of Adult Education

The Graduate Diploma programs described in this leaflet can be taken as the first year of the 2-year Master of Adult Education. The course is designed to provide a designated higher degree qualification for those whose study, research and professional interests and qualifications are in the education and training of adults. The course is structured to ensure that key areas are addressed and, at the same time, provides ample scope for elective units of study to meet individual needs.

Course Structure

The 2-year program consists of either twelve coursework units or 9 units and a minor thesis of 15,000 words. Candidates with an approved 4-year teaching qualification or Graduate Diploma in a relevant area are eligible for the one-year Master of Adult Education program which consists of either six coursework units or three units and a minor thesis. Research Methods in Education is a core unit in the Master's program.

Units of study include:

- Adult Education: theory, practice and change
- Learning and Professional Practice
- Learning, Reading and Writing
- Managing Organisational Change
- Methods of Teaching (Adult)
- Curriculum Development and Design
- Intercultural Communication and Education
- Leadership and Team Building
- Literacies, Life Stories and Community Learning
- Using Multimedia for Learning
- Research Methods in Education
- Minor Thesis

Students who achieve a B average in the coursework units may undertake a minor thesis in the Master's program.

Career Prospects

Graduates find employment as:

- adult literacy and language teachers
- teachers in community learning centres
- teachers in TAFE and other recognized training organizations
- educators in nursing and in other areas of health and human services
- educational consultants
- industry trainers

Entry Requirements

Candidates with a bachelor degree or equivalent tertiary qualification are eligible for entry to a two-year (240 credit points) program, consisting of a graduate diploma in a relevant area (Year 1) and the Master of Adult Education (Year 2). Applicants to the one-year (120 credit points) program should have either an honours degree or an approved graduate diploma.

Further Information and How to Apply

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International students

International students should refer to the www.latrobe.edu.au/international website for details. An application form can be downloaded from: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/apply/index.html