

ADULT EDUCATION - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This non-credit Adult Education Certificate addresses California's urgent need for credentialed, highly qualified educators in adult education. It aligns with the new Adult Education Teaching Credential approved by the Santa Clara County Office of Education. With a significant demand for teachers and escalating education costs, many talented instructors face financial barriers to obtaining necessary credentials. This program is designed to eliminate these barriers by offering a no-cost pathway for professional advancement, enabling instructors to engage in continuous professionalization and skill enhancement without the prohibitive costs associated with traditional credentialing programs.

The Certificate prepares candidates with essential skills in historical and legal frameworks, curriculum design, student assessment, and community engagement. Candidates will develop culturally responsive teaching methods, effective communication strategies, and supportive practices for adult learners, including goal-setting and resource access. The program emphasizes continuous professional development, CAEP compliance, accurate record-keeping, and fostering a positive, self-directed learning environment for diverse student populations.

The Certificate will offer both aspiring and current adult educators the tools for improved compensation and career growth, positively impacting the educational landscape of the state.

The Certificate will be awarded to students who earn a passing grade in all courses required for the certificate. The Adult Education Certificate is awarded by the Educational Instructional Technology Department and is not displayed on the official college transcript.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Analyze contextual factors, apply responsive teaching strategies, and develop a teaching philosophy to support and enrich adult educational communities.
- Create targeted lesson plans, design inclusive curricula, and develop effective assessments to improve teaching outcomes for diverse adult learner populations.
- Leverage support services, guide adult learners in goal-setting, navigate regulatory frameworks, and commit to continuous professional growth within the adult education field.

Requirements

Course	Title	Units
EDIT 502	Adult Education Foundations	0
EDIT 503	Adult Education Curriculum and Instruction	0
EDIT 504	Professionalism in Adult Education	0
EDIT 505	Adult Education Portfolio	0