

Accelerated-Weekend-Cohort ALD Degree/15 Month Program

The Adult Learning and Development (ALD) Masters Degree Weekend Program is designed to provide present and future adult educators with the theories, competencies, and knowledge necessary to plan, teach, and administer programs for a diverse population of adult learners in a variety of settings. The Program also provides an avenue for meeting the continuing education requirements of professional adult educators.

A rapidly changing world requires adults to constantly learn and re-learn ways of performing in the workplace. Today's adult educator must possess vision and practical skills to promote active learning and reflection among adult learners. **Through coursework, individual and group projects, and internships, students in the program learn how to plan programs that respond to the needs of adult learners in a multiplicity of contexts.**

In the accelerated ALD Program, students take three courses in a 15 week semester, allowing them to complete their master's degree in only 15 months.

- Courses will be taught as a combination of in-person classes, web-based and blended courses.
- Students will meet at the University's East Center, located in Solon, Ohio on Friday nights and on Saturdays for course work (with the exception of one 2-credit course, ETE 501)
- With the exception of the web-based courses, the other courses will be 5 weeks long and run consecutively during the semester.

Program requirements – Curriculum

Core courses comprise 24 hours in the ALD masters program: These courses are:

- ALD 607 – Adult Education In A Changing Society (4 Semester Hours)
- ALD 605 – Psychology Of The Adult Learner (3 Semester Hours)
- ALD 645/745 – Organizational Behavior And Change (4 Semester Hours)
- ALD 663 – Planning & Implementing Programs For Adult Learners (4 Semester Hours)
- ALD 688 – Internship In ALD (4 Semester Hours)
- EDB 601 – Educational Research (3 Semester Hours)
- ETE 501 – Technology Strand (2 semester hours)

Electives comprise 12 hours in the ALD masters program:

- These courses will vary but will include ALD 689 – the E-Portfolio exit option.
- In addition, students will take 8 semester hours of pre-selected elective courses geared to providing a challenging and relevant course of study for adult educators.
- A total of 36 credit hours are required for the degree.
- To complete the program, students choose and work in an internship site that reflects their interest and growing expertise in the field, allowing them to strengthen the bond between theory and practice.

Applying to the program

For information on applying to the Masters of Education in Adult Learning and Development program, please go to the Graduate School Admissions Website at <http://www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/admit/> to fill out an application for Graduate School.

You may also obtain a graduate school application by calling the Graduate School at (216) 687-2100, and mail it, along with your application fee, to:

Graduate Admissions
Cleveland State University
2121 Euclid Avenue, Box G
Cleveland, OH 44115-2214

There are two ways to be admitted into the Accelerated Program:

#1 Complete the following requirements:

- 1) Fill out a Graduate School application, checking “graduate degree” under the enrollment plan section and submit it.
- 2) Submit a \$30.00 application fee.
- 3) Submit one copy of transcripts from all institutions where you obtained a 4-year degree or higher degree.
- 4) Meet one of the criteria for admittance listed below:
 - Your baccalaureate degree is less than 6 years old at the time of application **AND** your undergraduate cumulative grade point average was 2.75 or above.
 - **OR** your baccalaureate degree is more than 6 years old at the time of application **AND** your undergraduate cumulative grade point average was 3.00 or above.
 - **OR** Miller Analogy Test Score (MAT): 47 or higher
 - **OR** Graduate Record Examination (GRE): General Section only, scores at the 50th percentile or higher

#2 Complete the following requirements

- 1) Fill out a Graduate School application, checking “graduate non-degree” under the enrollment plan section and submit it.
- 2) Submit one copy of transcripts from all institutions where you obtained a 4-year degree or higher degree.
- 3) If at the end of your first semester you have completed 12 semester hours of CSU graduate coursework (including EDB 601) **AND** received a grade of “B” or better in each course, you then reapply (less the application fee) to the graduate school as a degree seeking student in the ALD program.

PLEASE NOTE: *Once you have sent in your application to graduate school*, please call Dr. Jonathan E. Messemer (216) 523-7132 so that your name will be placed on the list of accelerated weekend program students. You can also contact Dr. Messemer by email at j.messemer@csuohio.edu. Once you receive your letter of admittance from the Graduate School, please call (216) 687-4612 to register for classes in the weekend program.

Notification of Admission:

Graduate Admissions will notify you once your application materials have been received and will inform you if supporting materials are missing. **Questions regarding missing materials should be directed to Graduate Admissions at (216) 687-2100.**

Once all your application materials are submitted, **questions regarding your acceptance should be directed to the College of Education Advising Office at (216) 687-4625.**