

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA/LERN

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

ADULT AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The Learning Resources Network (LERN) and The University of South Dakota are pleased to offer a Master of Arts in Educational Administration, with an emphasis in Adult and Higher Education. This degree is awarded by the University of South Dakota.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Arts in Educational Administration, Adult and Higher Education specialization, is a distinctive master's degree that combines the academic, theoretical and research findings of adult and continuing education with the practical application of the responsibilities and duties of adult and continuing education administrators.

This unique program has been designed at the request of adult and continuing education administrators interested in receiving graduate credit by combining the practical, professional education that LERN offers with essential academic education from the University of South Dakota, a highly respected higher education institution.

The combination of USD curriculum and LERN institutes and courses allows working professionals to gain extensive knowledge in the area of adult and higher education, as well as to obtain practical tools that are applicable and beneficial to their organization.

CURRICULUM

The University of South Dakota is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (www.ncahlc.org), and by the accrediting agency for education schools and colleges, NCATE - National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, which has recently been replaced by the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP).

The master's degree in Educational Administration with an emphasis in Adult and Higher Education consists of 33 graduate credit hours. The convenience and flexibility of this program allows participants to gain up to 15 credit hours of practical knowledge through the LERN professional development institutes and online courses. The curriculum and faculty for select LERN institutes and courses are approved for USD credit in advance. As a result, university credit from the LERN experiences transfers seamlessly toward the master's degree. The remaining courses are completed online through the University of South Dakota. LERN participants residing anywhere in the world have access to this unique program.

*If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 | Fax: 605-677-3172 | E-Mail: disabilityservices@usd.edu

GETTING STARTED IS EASY!

1. To gain acceptance to the degree program, complete the Graduate School Application Form. Access this form at www.usd.edu/graduate-school/apply-now. Please forward a copy of your completed application to LERN to ensure proper enrollment in the University of South Dakota/LERN master's program.

***Please Note:** Students who plan to apply LERN institutes and courses to a degree from the University of South Dakota must apply for full admission to the Graduate School prior to enrollment in the third class.

2. Register for online courses from the University of South Dakota online at www.usd.edu/online-edad-lern. Select your course and click "Register Now."

Register for courses and institutes through LERN - visit www.lern.org and click on "Events & Education."

To receive USD credit for the LERN institutes, contact Julie Coates. Please note: Prior to enrolling for USD credit, individuals seeking this degree must be registered for the LERN course(s) and/or institute(s) through LERN.

3. Contact Julie Coates, LERN's Vice President for Information Services, via e-mail at coates@lern.org or by phone at 715.426.9777 to get started today! Students may complete up to up to nine credits before applying for formal admission to the program.

PROGRAM COST

The 2016-2017 graduate tuition rate for USD's online courses is \$442.25/credit hour. The tuition rate is the same regardless of the state or country of residence.

For information regarding costs for LERN courses and institutes, please visit the LERN website at www.lern.org and click on "Events & Education." The cost of university credit for USD approved LERN institutes and courses is an amazing \$40.00 per credit hour. This special tuition rate for LERN participants is an attractive feature of the USD/LERN partnership.



COURSE ROTATIONS AND DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN



REQUIRED COURSES - 15 CREDIT HOURS (All courses offered via online delivery)

Course Name/ No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester Offered
AHED 701	Adult Learning Theory	3	Every Fall
AHED 710	Sociology of Adult Education	3	Every Spring
AHED 752	College and University Administration	3	Every Spring
AHED 775	Trends & Issues in Training and Development	3	Every Fall
EDER 761	Research Methods in Education	3	Every Semester

ELECTIVE COURSES (Choose at least one of the following for a minimum of 3 credit hours)

Course Name/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester Offered
AHED 553	Organizational Transition and Change Management	3	Every Summer
AHED 730	Junior/Community College	3	Every Summer
AHED 735	Instructional Strategies for Adult Education	3	Every Fall
AHED 740	Continuing Education	3	Every Even Spring
AHED 765	Distance Learning	3	Fall Odd Years
AHED 780	Advanced Instructional Design	3	Varies
AHED 792	Adult Development and Aging	3	Varies

Fall Semester = Late August - Mid-December | **Spring Semester** = Mid-January - Early May | **Summer Semester** = Mid-May - Mid-August



REQUIRED LERN COURSES - MAXIMUM 15 CREDIT HOURS

Course Name/ No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester Offered
AHED 790	Independent Study: Certified Program Planning	4	LERN Every Semester

LERN INSTITUTE SEMINARS (Choose any of the following for a maximum of 11 credit hours)

Course Name/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester Offered
AHED 790	Seminar: LERN Institutes and/or Online Courses	1-3	LERN Every Semester
AHED 790	Seminar: LERN Face-to-Face Institutes	3	LERN Every Spring
*Electives	Special Topics: LERN Online Courses	1	LERN Every Semester

* LERN offers a variety of institutes and online courses. These programs are continually updated based on participants' needs and market trends; course number and prefix are subject to change. Please visit www.lern.org and click on "Events & Education" to view a comprehensive list of current program offerings.

M.A. IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION: ADULT & HIGHER EDUCATION - 33 credit hours (Minimum 18 USD credit hours, Maximum 15 LERN credit hours)