General Program of Study

The 36-semester-hour Master of Science in Education offers theoretical and methodological bases for professional development, while providing comprehensive pre-service professional education for persons seeking careers in adult and higher education. Developing a program of study in Adult and Higher Education is highly individualized, in which the students' experiences, career goals, and needs for development are carefully considered in the development of the courses to be completed. Students generally select one area of study within adult and higher education to focus their course work.

A minimum of 18 credit hours or 50% of your total hours earned toward the degree must be completed in courses with a CAHA or CAHE prefix. All students in the M.S.Ed.-Adult and Higher Education should complete the Core requirement for the program. These include:

- CAHA 500, Nature of Adult and Higher Education
- CAHA 501, Adult Learning: Maturity through Old Age
- CAHA 502, Educating Culturally Diverse Adults
- Research Course (often ETR 520, Introduction to Educational Research)
- CAHA 699, Thesis or Comprehensive Exam (Weekend Exam or Capstone Paper in CAHA 598)
- Electives (as approved by your advisor. See the general areas of study in the program for recommended electives for each area).

Three Areas of Emphasis

- Adult Continuing Education
- Community Development, International, and Popular Education
- Higher Education / Student Affairs