

Frequently Asked Questions for ACE

Does this program award a teaching license?

No. There is no teaching license in adult education. Some states require some preliminary training and/or certificate for teaching in adult basic education. If they do, they usually require that it be attained within their state system.

What is the difference between the online and hybrid program?

The hybrid program requires that students take at least one face-to-face on-campus class. Because all of the required classes are only offered online, the face-to-face class must be an elective and must be approved by the Program Coordinator. Students in the hybrid program pay standard Rutgers in-state or out-of-state tuition and all campus and school fees. This is compared to online students who pay a flat fee of \$3,000 per course with no other charges (other than textbook purchases); this is less than out-of-state tuition. Rutgers employees should apply to the hybrid program to receive tuition reimbursement but are not required to take a face-to-face class.

Can this program be completed full time?

No. Because of how classes are offered and because there are 10 classes that must be completed, it is not possible to take three or more courses every semester. However, time to completion can be accelerated for students wishing to take more than two courses a semester when possible.

Does the program accept transfer credits?

No. However, courses taken at Rutgers and not previously counted toward a degree can be used for electives upon approval of the Program Coordinator.

What do people do with this degree?

People who enroll in this program come with a wide range of experiences and career aspirations. It is a degree that can be used for a variety of purposes and careers. Any career that involves helping adults learn, change and develop is a good application of this the skills and knowledge you will gain in this program.

My GPA is below 3.0. Do I need to take the GRE?

Even applicants with an undergraduate degree of less than 3.0 rarely submit GRE scores as part of their admissions materials. You should demonstrate your ability to be successful in the program through a well written personal statement that explains your qualifications (and when relevant, explains prior academic performance), letters of recommendation, and professional background. Although GRE scores can be submitted they are not necessary.

Do I have to specialize in one area for my electives?

No. You may take your three electives in any combination of specialization areas (Adult ESL and Literacy Education, Higher Education Teaching, Human Resources Development, and Educational Technology). If you choose to take all three electives in the same specialization you

can also get a certificate in that area. This is recognition of your specialized area of study within the degree and can be a great selling point when applying for a job.