The goal of the program is to build educators’ capacity to provide high-quality, research-based instruction in adult basic education (ABE), especially literacy and numeracy. The program is intended for people who are working, or wish to work, with adults who struggle with reading, writing, math, and/or English language proficiency. ABE instruction typically occurs in adult literacy, family literacy, GED, English as a second language (ESL), or developmental education classes offered by community-based organizations, community colleges, school districts, libraries, and alternative schools, among others. Delivered online through the World Campus, the 12-credit certificate includes three required courses and one elective, which allows students to tailor the program to their specific interests, such as ESL, program planning and administration, distance education, educational technology, adult learning, or other topics.

**Effective Semester:** Fall 2015  
**Expiration Semester:** Fall 2020

### Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students) for more information.

### Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs).

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**Courses**

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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