

## StFX Master of Adult Education Community Development or Reflective Practice Summer 2020-Winter 2023

The Master of Adult Education (M.Ad.Ed) program is an effective learning experience providing a unique blend of professional and community development, with opportunity for reflective practice and applied research. The program is of interest to practitioners and scholars in a wide variety of career areas such as community development, health promotion, literacy, sustainability, vocational education, human resources development and coaching, human rights, and post-secondary education.

The 6 courses are presented in a combination of face-to-face and online delivery; through-out learners work on their own and with their advisors. The part-time, flexible 36-credit M.Ad.Ed. program offers *project-based* or *thesis-based* options.

### Program Sequence and Timeline

Summer 2020	Fall 2020- Winter 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021 - Winter 2022	Fall 2022	Winter 2023	Or Summer or Fall 2023
ADED505	ADED510 (LR)	ADED510 (P)	ADED520	ADED530	ADED601*	ADED600*

(\*Students complete ADED 601 or ADED 600)

**ADED505 – Introduction to the Field, Research and Practice.** This is an intensive three-week residential institute during which students become familiar with the foundations of, and requirements for, the master’s program. This institute will require intensive reading and writing in a broad range of foundational literature in adult education and learning, as well as the development of a detailed learning plan for completion of the program. Six credits.

**ADED510 - Professional Portfolio and Literature Review.** This course involves the development and submission of a professional portfolio (P) consisting of learning experiences, accomplishments, and demonstrated professional competencies, supported by documentation. Second, development and submission of a critical review of the literature (LR) in the field with an emphasis on the area and aspect of study as seen in the learning plan. Six credits.

**ADED520 Practical Research Project.** In this course students develop a practical research project to achieve learning intents. This project is typically completed in the student’s place of practice and typically requires approval of the StFX Research Ethics Board. At the end of this phase, the student submits a project report that includes a detailed description of the learning intents, program design, means of implementation, and evaluation of the project. Twelve credits.

**ADED530 Learning Program Evaluation** This phase includes a report on the student’s personal and professional learning with reference to the learning plan developed in ADED 505. This reflective report evaluates knowledge gained and changes in practice, and is accompanied by a narrative. Six credits.

**Alternate Routes to Graduation.** There are two routes by which a student may complete the requirements for the M.Ad.Ed. 1) complete and submit an academic thesis (ADED 600) or 2) complete, present, and defend a project and synthesizing examination which demonstrates that the learning objectives of the program have been achieved (ADED 601).

**ADED600 Thesis.** The thesis is a scholarly contribution to the field of adult education. Upon completion of the preceding phases of the program, students draft an outline and write a thesis in consultation with their faculty advisor. The thesis provides an opportunity for students to analyze and reflect on their professional project, in light of the relevant adult education literature. The completed thesis is submitted to an external examiner and to the committee on graduate studies for approval. Credit will be granted for only one of ADED 600 or ADED 601. Six credits.

**ADED601 Synthesizing Examination.** The synthesizing examination is the alternative route to complete the M.Ad.Ed. It follows satisfactory completion of the preceding phases of the program. The synthesizing examination is intended to provide an opportunity for students to reflect on their professional project and bring the relevant literature and student's research project together with the particular reference to practice. The synthesizing examination will be attended by two faculty members of the adult education department. Credit will be granted for only one of ADED 601 or ADED 600. Six credits.

### INFORMATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The program and application information can be found at:

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/adult-education-graduate-studies/master-adult-education-and-community-development>

For additional StFX admission inquiries please contact [aes@stfx.ca](mailto:aes@stfx.ca)

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

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