



## M.Ed. in ADULT AND HIGHER EDUCATION

### WOODRING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

## GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Required/Core Courses:

#### **AHE 501 Understanding Educational Research (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor. AHE 581 recommended prior to AHE 501.* Introduction to genres, uses, strengths, and limitations of human subjects research. Emphasis on understanding and critiquing research in adult and higher education. Students will determine the effectiveness by analyzing existing quantitative and qualitative studies.

#### **IT 546 Instructional Technology and Digital Literacy (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* A study in the use of technological tools for instruction; for teaching, training, and student learning; for presentation and development; and for administration and management. Incorporates distance delivery procedures and effective planning for the use of instructional technology. Satisfies the Woodring College of Education instructional technology and education competency requirement. Emphasis on the Adult and Higher Education Master's program.

#### **AHE 555 Foundations of Higher Education and Diversity (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* This course will introduce students to research, theory, policy and practice related to diversity topics in the field of higher education and encourage students to develop their own understandings of historical and contemporary issues.

#### **AHE 571 Research and Evaluation Methods (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor. AHE 501 prior to AHE 571.* Qualitative and quantitative methods for conducting human subjects research and program evaluation in adult and higher education. Understanding distinctions between research and evaluation. Choosing strategies for data collection and analysis that are appropriate for a given purpose, context, and population.

#### **AHE 576 Leadership and Management of Educational Programs (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* A study of contemporary theories of leadership and their application in private, public, and nonprofit agencies.

#### **AHE 577 Learning in Adulthood (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* Study of the ways adults learn and develop and the factors related to their motivation, participation, and diverse identities with applications to practice and policies.

#### **AHE 580 Teaching and Instructional Design (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor. AHE 577 recommended prior to AHE 580.* Study and practice in teaching methodologies and assessments for adult and higher education settings. Special emphasis on facilitating student learning and applied classroom practice.

### Required/Core Courses (Continued):

#### **AHE 581 Readings in Adult and Higher Education (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* This is a supervised study involving readings and discussions on topics in the fields of adult education, higher education, and human services.

#### **AHE 588 Portfolio and Applied Research Proposal (4)**

*Prereqs: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor. AHE 501, IT 546, AHE 555, AHE 571, AHE 576, AHE 577, AHE 580, AHE 581 and AHE 592 prior to AHE 588.* Students should be in final two quarters of the program with all required coursework completed. In this course, students complete capstone projects including a portfolio of work demonstrating proficiency in AHE learning outcomes and a research proposal. S/U grading.

#### **AHE 592 Field Experience (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* Field-based project is an aspect of adult and higher education to enhance theory/practice integration such as: teaching, leadership, project development, curriculum development and distance education design. S/U grading.

### Elective Courses:

#### **AHE 500 Directed Independent Study (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* An individualized course of study not available through or replacing existing curriculum, to be arranged between one matriculating student and sponsoring faculty member. All academic policies and registration deadlines apply. **NOT eligible on tuition waivers.**

#### **AHE 518 Current Issues in Education (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* Examination and discussion of several current and controversial issues in education. **Repeatable** under different topics.

#### **AHE 691 Research Seminar (4)**

*Prereq: Admission to AHE program or permission of instructor.* History, objectives, organization, and role of the public community college; special attention to the expanding system in the State of Washington. **NOT eligible on tuition waivers.**

*The general catalog takes precedence over this material and is the official source of program information. Content herein is for information and advisement.*