



# Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education

Teaching, Learning, and Leading across Boundaries

## HIGHER, ADULT, AND LIFELONG EDUCATION MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM

Admissions Information for Prospective Students  
[education.msu.edu/ead/HALE/mahale](http://education.msu.edu/ead/HALE/mahale)

### Program Overview:

The Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (HALE) MA program is a professional development degree that can be completed fully on-line or as a hybrid program which offers the option of taking several on-campus courses. Ideally suited for individuals with at least several years of work experience in a postsecondary setting, students come from many sectors of higher and adult education, business, industry, social services, and other professional domains.

The curriculum structure enables students to tailor their course selection to their interests in the fields of higher, adult, and lifelong education while also developing an understanding of postsecondary education from social, historical, philosophical, developmental, and international perspectives.

Course offerings contribute to understanding central issues in Organization and Leadership; Teaching and Learning; Policy; and Contexts of Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education as they reflect the relationship between theory and practice. We expect that graduates will be prepared for a variety of roles in postsecondary education and for cultivation of inclusive educational environments.

### Admissions Criteria:

The admissions committee considers the following criteria for recommending admission to the HALE MA program:

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (students with a GPA lower than 3.0 may be admitted provisionally)
- References that showcase your academic ability and commitment to the field of higher, adult, or lifelong education
- Personal statement that addresses the following questions:
  1. What experiences led to your interest in pursuing the HALE MA program?
  2. What qualities, characteristics, and skills do you possess that will make you a strong candidate for the HALE MA program?
  3. How will the HALE MA program at Michigan State University help you meet your personal and professional goals?
- Professional or paraprofessional experience

### International Applicants:

For information about additional materials needed for international applicants, please visit the Graduate School Application website at <http://grad.msu.edu/apply/>.

### Curriculum:

With the assistance of a faculty advisor, MA students plan a program of study tailored to meet their educational needs and professional goals. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours including 6 credit hours of required core courses.

#### Core Courses (6 credit hours)

- EAD 840 Inquiry in Postsecondary Education
- EAD 868 Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Learning Education Pro-Seminar

#### Major Courses (9 credit hours)

- EAD 801 Leadership and Organizational Development
- EAD 805 Administration and Organization
- EAD 860 Concept of a Learning Society
- EAD 861 Adult Learning
- EAD 870 Foundations of Postsecondary Education
- EAD 866 Teaching in Postsecondary Education
- EAD 876 Budgeting and Finance
- EAD 877 Program Planning and Evaluation in Postsecondary Education

#### Support Courses (15 credit hours)

Supplemental/related courses with at least 9 additional credits from Educational Administration Department courses

### Application Process:

- Complete the online MSU graduate application ([admissions.msu.edu/admission/graduate.asp](http://admissions.msu.edu/admission/graduate.asp); Hybrid HALE MA program code: 2288; Online HALE MA program code: 6734)
  1. Pay the application fee
  2. The graduate school application asks for an academic statement and a personal statement. Under each field, please enter "Please see my personal statement uploaded on the Graduate Education applicant portal."
  3. Provide contact information for three recommenders
- On the Graduate Education applicant portal, upload the following files (in PDF format):
  1. Personal statement
  2. Resume
- Request official transcripts from each college or university attended be sent to:  
*Higher, Adult, & Lifelong Education Program  
c/o HALE Admissions Assistant  
Department of Educational Administration  
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Please note that the GRE or an academic interview are not part of the admissions process. Admitted students are invited to the Graduate Research Colloquium to meet and talk with current faculty members.

#### CONTACT US

For more information about our program, to schedule a visit, or to speak with a current student about their experience, please contact us at [haleadm@msu.edu](mailto:haleadm@msu.edu) or 517-353-5187

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**December 15**  
Deadline to apply to HALE MA program for optimal consideration. Completed applications received after December 15th will be considered for fall admission as space permits.

**Mid-February**  
Graduate Research Colloquium

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