

# Methods of Teaching Adult Education

**ADED 4050-001 / 002**

Auburn University

Department Educational Foundations, Leadership, and Technology

College of Education

Fall - 2010

1. Course Number: ADED 4050  
Course Title: Methods of Teaching in Adult Education  
Credit Hours: 3 semester hours  
Pre/Corequisites: Junior standing or departmental approval

Class Time: Mondays - 1:00-3:50 p.m. (Section 002) • 4:00 – 6:50 p.m. (Section 001)

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2. Date Syllabus Prepared: August 2010

3. Text:

Van Kavelaar, Eileen K. (1998). *Conducting training workshops: A crash course for beginners*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

4. Course Description:

This course will integrate adult learning principles with designing effective instruction or training. Procedures for instructional planning for adult clientele will be provided.

5. Course Objectives:

Based on instruction and activities, reading assignments, and related activities, each participant should be able to do the following upon completion of this course, as related to the College of Education's conceptual framework (in italics):

- a. Identify elements that are vital to effective adult education or training. *Rationale: Developing competent, committed, reflective professionals who understand how students develop and learn.*
- b. Acquire knowledge and skills for improving the design and delivery of quality training. *Rationale: Developing competent, committed, reflective professionals who teach effectively as evidenced by knowledge of content and appropriate pedagogy and andragogy.*
- c. Distinguish adult clientele characteristics, implications for planning, and techniques for collecting relevant needs assessment information. *Rationale:*

*Developing competent, committed, reflective professionals who focus on learning of all students and methods to assess performance.*

- d. Determine training objectives with respective domains and levels of expected learning. *Rationale: Developing competent, committed, reflective professionals who create and maintain a safe, inclusive, tolerant, and stimulating learning environment.*
- e. Demonstrate content knowledge, application, and synthesis through formal presentation. *Rationale: Developing competent, committed, reflective professionals who integrate appropriate technology and other resources into the instructional program.*
- f. Improve individual presentation skills through practice and feedback. *Rationale: Developing competent, committed, reflective professionals who build upon empirical and experimental knowledge within dynamic and diverse programs.*

### Course Philosophy:

A variety of teaching techniques and strategies are employed in the instruction of this course. The principal methods to be utilized include, but may not be limited to lectures, video tapes, visual aids, development experiences, and group discussion. This is a professional education course in adult education. All participants are considered adults and are expected to not only study but also practice andragogy - to take responsibility for their learning. Thus the participant is expected to contribute to the class setting by participating and to be collaborative and supportive of all members of the learning setting. Adult education is not a place for passive learning but a place to explore, take risks and grow. Ignorance is not vested in the participants while knowledge is vested in the instructor. Both are learners and have contributions to make to each other. Both are responsible for their own learning.

### 6. Course Content / Schedule:

Session	Date	Topic
1	Aug. 23	Review syllabus and course requirements Introductions and What is Adult Education?
2	Aug. 30	No Class Meeting; however, read article: <i>The do's and don'ts of working with adult learners</i> by Charles Backes, <i>Adult Learning</i> , Jan/Feb1997, Vol 8, Issue 3 and respond to the following questions via Blackboard Assignments section.
3	Sept. 6	Holiday (No Class meeting)

4	Sept. 13	Adult Learning Principles
5	Sept. 20	Needs Assessments <i>Due: Article Review #1</i>
6	Sept. 27	Learning Goals and Objectives
7	Oct. 4	Instructional Strategies
8	Oct. 11	Presentation Techniques <i>Due: Article Review #2</i>
9	Oct. 18	Evaluating Learning
10	Oct. 25	Group Presentation Preparation <i>Due: Article Review #3</i>
11	Nov. 1	Group Presentations
12	Nov. 8	Research and Study (No class meeting)
13	Nov. 15	Group Presentations
14	Nov. 22	Holiday (No class meeting)
15	Nov 29	Group Presentations Review and Evaluation

7. Course Requirements/Evaluation:

- A. Complete 3 article reviews & present reviews to table members.
- B. Develop and deliver an individual presentation.
- C. Develop and deliver a group presentation with accompanying outline
- D. Read all assigned materials.

Developmental Experiences – the illustrative experiences will be:

- attendance and active participation;
- group discussions;
- small-group problem-solving;
- individual research;
- participant and group presentations; and
- review of topic-related literature.

The experiences will include:

a. **Three Journal Article Reviews:**

These article reviews are designed to provide opportunities to review current literature related to adult clientele training and describe the content of the selected article. The article may be selected from any current journal related to adult education, training and development, human resource development, personnel

management, human resource management, etc. At least one article must be selected from the *Training and Development* journal publication.

- # 1. Journal Article Review      *Due: Sep 20/Session 5*
- # 2. Journal Article Review      *Due: Oct 11/Session 8*
- # 3. Journal Article Review      *Due: Oct 25/Session 10*

Read and summarize each article (obtained from an appropriate journal) and report a brief summary and your reaction. Each review should contain the complete bibliographic entry (include author(s) name, date, title of article, title of publication, volume #, issue #, page #s) of the source article, a summary of the content of the article, and your reactions to the article, specifically, what did you learn from this article?

Reviews should be typed, double-spaced and approximately 1 page in length. Reviews will be presented to table group members.

*Here is a sample journal article review format:*

Student Extraordinaire (Your name)

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Journal Article Review #1

Source: Abernathy, D. J. (October, 1999). Presentation tips from the pros. *Training and Development*, 53(11), 19-25.

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b. **Individual Presentation.** Requirements to be discussed in class.

c. **Group Presentation and Outline.**

*Due: Sessions 11--15*

Each group will make a 15-minute presentation regarding a selected topic, subject to approval by the instructor. The presentation must be a power point presentation. Groups can also use transparencies, handouts, or flipcharts to present their findings. Following the presentation, the group is expected to facilitate questions and answers. The entire segment, presentation and discussion, should not exceed 25 minutes. Each group will submit a typed Presentation Plan Outline to the instructor containing relevant information, a copy of the power point presentation slides (3 or 6 to a page), and any handouts.

*Here is a sample presentation outline plan format:*

<p>Presentation Outline Plan ADED 4050 - Methods of Teaching in Adult Education Group Members: (List)</p> <p>Topic:</p> <p>Audience:</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The participant will be able to ...</li><li>• The participant will be able to ...</li><li>• The participant will be able to ...</li></ul> <p>Introduction:</p> <p>Main Points:</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Evaluation: (How will you know the participants have learned what you wanted them to learn?)</p>
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d. **Evaluation. Any assignment presented/handed in late will be penalized.** To be eligible for a grade of Incomplete (IN), you must have completed and passed more than half of all class assignments for the semester AND made contact with me in writing to request an Incomplete. The final class grade will be based on the following:

- 3 Article Reviews - 10 points each - 30% (30 points)
- 3 Article Presentations - 5 points each - 15% (15 points)
- Individual Presentation - 15% (15 points)
- Group Presentation - 20% (20 points)
- Class Participation - 20% (20 points)

Absences, unexcused absences and tardiness can result in the penalty of one letter grade from the final class average (e.g., a “B” instead of an “A”, etc.). The following grading scale will be used:

90-100% / 90 - 100 points = A

80-89% / 80 - 89 points = B

70-79% / 70 - 79 points = C

60-69% / 60 - 69 points = D

Below 60% / Below 60 points = F

8. Class Policy Statements:

- A. You are expected to attend all class meetings and participate in all exercises. It is your responsibility to contact me if assignment deadlines are not met. You are responsible for initiating arrangements for missed work.
- B. If you need accommodations, you are asked to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternative time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail or phone. Bring a copy of your Accommodation Memo and an Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. If you do not have an Accommodation Memo but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Program for Students with Disabilities at 1244 Haley Center, (334) 844-2096 (V/TT).
- C. The University Academic Honesty Code and the Tiger Cub Rules and Regulations pertaining to cheating will apply to this class.
- D. As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:
  - Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
  - Contribute to collaborative learning communities
  - Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
  - Model and nurture intellectual vitality