

Adult Learning and Community Education

Background -

This career is centered on educating adults in a school or community setting. Education classes may be for those requiring support in basic reading or writing skills, GED preparation or college preparation for those who have been out of school for an extended period of time.

What could I expect to make while working in this field? \$50, 650*

Generally found them to be much lower in Michigan and surrounding areas (~\$35,000)

What classes at GVSU may help prepare me for work in this field? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

- i. **PSY 301** – Child Development
- ii. **PSY 325** – Educational Psychology
- iii. **PSY 326** – Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- iv. **PSY 304** – Education of the Exceptional Child
- v. **EDF 100** – Hands on experience volunteering in Grand Rapids Public Schools
- vi. **EDF 315** – Diverse Perspectives in Education
- vii. **Post-Graduation** - Masters of Education (M. ED) in Higher Education (Adult & Higher Education Emphasis)
 - a. For more information –www.gvsu.edu/grad/highered/

What would be important skills for someone in this career? Availability to meet a nonstandard schedule (night classes), organizational skills, creativity, cultural competency, compassion and strong communication skills (oral and written) would all be important attributes for a person in this career field. Having strong language abilities may be beneficial for some positions as well.

a. Employer Possibilities

- i. Example – Kent ISD hiring “Adult Basic English Instructor”



*Bls.gov (2016) – adult literacy and high school equivalency diploma