

2026-2027 Adult Education Professional Learning Menu

Adult Education Orientation for New Directors:

Required for all NEW program directors

- August 31, 2026: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Rm. 156 (250 E. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84114), MIDAS#42401-7
- February 23, 2027, 9:00AM-4:00PM, location Rm. 156 (250 E. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84114), MIDAS#42401-7

Adult Education Directors' Meetings:

Required for ALL program directors

- September 21, 2026: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, USBE Basement West (250 E. 500 S. SLC, UT 84114), MIDAS #41119-19
- January 19, 2027: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Virtual, MIDAS #41119-20
- March 23-24, 2027: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Washington County School District; 2060 N 2100 W., St George Utah 84770
- Virtual Community of Practice (Lunch & Learn): 3rd Friday @ 12:00 Monthly, From Sept-April

Adult Education Data Administrators Meetings:

New Utah Adult Student Information System (UASIS) User Training

Required for all new data administrators (Select one—sessions repeat)

- August 11, 2026: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Granite District Offices Rm. C-121, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, 84115
- September 1, 2026: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Juab School District Offices Rm. Basement, 346 E 600 N, Nephi, 84648. Participants must bring their own laptop.

Monthly Data Administrator Virtual Meetings

- Monthly on the third Thursday of every month, at 1:00 PM, August - May.
[Reoccurring Teams link](#)

Program Specific Training By Request

- Contact uasiswebmaster@schools.utah.gov to schedule a training

NRS Training

- USBE Online: November 4, 2026: 12:00 PM-3:00 PM, [Click here for Teams link.](#)

Additional In-Person Training:

Corrections Education Summit

- TBD: 9AM-3PM, Location TBD, MIDAS #41117-7 TBD

English Language Acquisition (ELA) Teachers' Summit

- November 17, 2026: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, USBE Basement West Conference Room (250 E. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84114) MIDAS #58119-5

GED Mini-Conference

- October 6, 2026, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, USBE Basement West Conference Room (250 E. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84114) MIDAS #60938-5

Small Program Summit

- April 23, 2027: 9am-4pm, Uintah School District, 826 South 1500 East Naples, UT 84078, MIDAS #63408-3

Virtual Trainings:

English Language Learner (ELL) Study Circle

- Utah Adult Education will host a study circle for English Language Acquisition instructors. The study circle will meet for 5 virtual sessions. MIDAS #41124-5
 - January 14, 2027: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - January 28, 2027: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - February 11, 2027: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - February 25, 2027: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - March 11, 2027: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Conferences

[Adult Education Association of Utah \(AEAUT\)](#)

TBD

[COABE](#)

April 11 - April 14, 2027: New Orleans, LA

The Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) annual conference is the premier event for adult education professional learning. Learn about new best practices and receive targeted training from national-level speakers. USBE Adult Education will provide a limited number of scholarships.

[GED Annual Conference](#)

July 29 - July 31, 2027: Atlanta, GA

We're excited to welcome you to the 2026 GED Conference in vibrant Atlanta, Georgia, the heart of the South and home to innovation, culture, and connection. Join us for an unforgettable experience where education, inspiration, and community come together to empower today's learners and tomorrow's leaders.

This year's conference will be bigger and bolder than ever, with more opportunities to collaborate, discover new programs, and celebrate the progress of adult education nationwide.

[InstructureCon \(Canvas\)](#)

July 21, 2025 – July 23, 2026: Louisville, KY

Whether you are a seasoned Canvas user or new to the Instructure Community, you will leave Instructure's annual conference with fresh ideas, new connections, and actionable takeaways.

[Mountain Plains Adult Education \(MPAEA\)](#)

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The mission of the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) is to support and promote lifelong learning in the Mountain Plains Region (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and beyond). To achieve its mission, the association promotes and provides professional learning opportunities for adult educators, publishes, and distributes relevant information about lifelong learning, and supports and strengthens member associations with the states of that region.

October 27-30, 2027

Our 2027 conference will be extra exciting as we gear up to celebrate our 25th anniversary as ProLiteracy! We'll take time to celebrate impact we've made together over the past quarter century—and look forward to the endless opportunities for the next 25 years. This is why you can expect insightful thought leadership, hands-on innovation, and energizing collaborations that will inspire bold ideas to influence your practice and build program capacity.

[UAEA State Conference](#)

March 19, 2027: Opportunity Center of Ogden (2563 Monroe Blvd. Ogden, UT 84401)

Testing Administrator Training

Per state policy, all program staff who administer adult education assessments must complete test administrator training as required by the test publisher every two years.

Administrator Training Resources: Test

- **TABE 13/14 (for ABE) test administrator training** is available [online](#). Certification candidates must complete Modules 1 and 2.
- **TABE CLASS-E (for ELA) test administrator training** is available [online](#). Certification candidates must complete Module 3.

- **BEST Plus 3.0 (for ELA)** is available [online](#).
- **BEST 2.0 (for ELA)** is available [online](#).
- **CASAS training (the GOALS series is for ABE and the STEPS series is for ELA)** is available [online](#). Programs utilizing eTests need to complete modules 1 and 2. Programs utilizing paper tests need to complete modules 1 and 3.

Adult Education Canvas Instance

Utah Adult Education has a [Canvas instance](#), allowing all adult educators access to create and share courses. Each program director has admin rights and can add staff. For assistance with Canvas, contact Alex Ellerman. Professional Learning Courses are available on Canvas below. Contact your program directors or USBE technical assistant to be added:

Adult Education Professional Learning Course Series: This FREE course series is designed to support adult educators in developing key competencies essential to adult learner instruction. These courses may be used toward completion of the new adult education endorsement pathway.

- [Adult Education from a National, State, and Local Perspective](#)
- [Understanding and Engaging Adult Learners](#)
- [Meeting the Needs of Adult Learners Through Universal Design for Learning](#)
- [Mastering Standards-Based Instruction in Adult Education](#)
- [Trauma-Informed Instructional Practices for Adult Educators](#)
- [Evidence-Based Reading Instruction for Adult Learners](#)
- [Best Practices for Supporting Adult English Learners](#)
- [Supporting Adult Learner Success](#)

NRS 101 (Required Annual Training): This Canvas course provides an overview of the National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education. All adult education staff must complete training annually. Staff who have Canvas accounts can self-enroll using the link below. For new staff members needing account creation or password help, contact Alex Ellerman. Participants can self-enroll in the course starting July 1, 2026, at this URL: <https://adulthood.instructure.com/enroll/XRP4W9>.

GED Basics 101: This course will help adult education personnel become familiar with eligibility for taking the GED® test, the basic features of the GED® test, what accommodations are available, how to use the GED Ready® test to help students prepare, and how to score the extended response question. Anyone helping students prepare for the GED® test should complete this course. This course has enabled open enrollment. Students can self-enroll in the course starting July 1, 2026, at this URL: <https://adulthood.instructure.com/enroll/MBCEG3>.

UEN Course Catalog: Offers asynchronous courses designed to guide participants through Canvas foundations or help them enhance their existing materials. Whether you are diving into Foundations or Enhancing your current pages, you will learn how to design engaging content, create a visual home page, assess student learning, and apply sound teaching practices, all while mastering the tools Canvas offers to support effective instruction. Search their catalog selections here: <https://uen.catalog.instructure.com/>

Additional Opportunities and Resources

Adult Education eMedia Hub

The [Adult Education eMedia Hub](#) on UEN's website provides a space for adult educators to collaborate through discussion groups, explore and contribute to resource collections, and access courses for the adult education endorsement.

Adult Education Microcredential Pathways

Microcredentials offer a demonstrated competency option to earn USBE credits. Visit <https://usbe.midaseducation.com/microcredentials> and use the pathway dropdown to see the adult education options. Each pathway comprises 2-3 microcredentials, and a \$20 fee applies per Microcredential.

Adult Education Pathways Include:

- Understanding & Engaging Adult Learners
- Meeting Diverse Needs Through Universal Design for Learning
- Standards-Based Instruction in Adult Education
- Supporting Adults with Low Literacy
- Best Practices for Serving Adult English Learners
- Supporting Adult Learner Success

LINCS (Literacy Information and Communication System)

[LINCS | Adult Education and Literacy | U.S. Department of Education](#)

LINCS is a national leadership initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) to expand evidence-based practices in the field of adult education. LINCS includes four components designed to provide adult educators with the information, resources, professional learning activities, and online network they need to enhance their practice and ensure their adult students receive high-quality learning opportunities.

- The LINCS Resource Collection
- LINCS Professional Learning Center
- The LINCS Community, an online community of practice
- The Adult Learner Portal

YouTube Channels

The [USBE Adult Education YouTube](#) channel houses a variety of recorded webinars, best practice videos, and SIS tutorials. We are continually adding to this resource bank. Subscribe to be notified of additions. If there are specific topics or resources you would like to see highlighted, please email Jeff Ojeda.

The [MPAEA YouTube Channel](#) also includes a variety of recorded webinars related to adult education.

If you have questions about any of the offerings listed, please contact:

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