ED.610 (INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN EDUCATION)

ED.610.610. Foundation to Innovation: Adult Learning. 3 Credits. Participants will study the history, philosophy, and theory of adult learning, as well as the breadth of the field as they construct their personal philosophies of adult learning for their portfolios. Participants analyze the contributions of major contributors to the field from Knowles to Brookfield. Participants explore the evolution of adult learning theory including traditional and emerging views of the practice of adult learning, such as andragogy, self-directed learning, transformative learning, social and cognitive constructivism, and critical reflection. Participants will investigate the importance of the contextual elements of epistemology and cultural issues, such as class, gender and race. They will analyze key contributions to the field of adult development and to the field of adult learning. Students will develop their own educational philosophy document.

ED.610.630. Effective Instructional Strategies and Technologies for Adult Learning. 3 Credits. Participants learn how to select and use appropriate techniques and strategies, including technology, to create learning experiences aligned with learning goals and their corresponding assessment. Participants experiment with and examine effective elements of interactive lectures, small groups, and case studies. Participants give special attention to the role of technology in enhancing the teaching-learning process. Specifically, participants analyze the impact of various techniques and technologies in order to choose the most effective means to accomplish learning goals.