ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Adult Education and High School Equivalency Services

Upcoming Training and Events
October - November 2026

Adult Reading Instruction Supported by Evidence (ARISE) Refresher Year 2+: Diagnostic Assessment

Friday, October 2, 2026, 9:00a - 10:30a

The ARISE Year 2+ Refresher series brings together adult education instructors and administrators, including ARISE Year-1 participants and former STAR-trained instructors to share successes, address challenges, exchange resources, and strengthen EBRI implementation.

In the **October Refresher**, you'll revisit the purpose and use of diagnostic assessment data to make, plan, and inform targeted instruction based on learners' strengths and needs.

Presented by: Michelle Blanks and Jennifer Durcan, ADE Adult Education Services -Teaching and Learning, and Jana Harper, Central Arizona College

Register

Arizona Shop Talk

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 2:30p - 3:30p

Stay up to date with the latest news, initiatives, and important updates from the State Director, Beverly Wilson, and the Adult Education and High School Equivalency Services team.

This bi-monthly event provides valuable insights into program developments, statewide priorities, upcoming opportunities, and key resources designed to support and strengthen our adult education community.

Presented by: ADE - Adult Education and High School Equivalency Services

Register

October Teaching and Learning Webinar Series: Embracing AI to Support Adult Reading Instruction

Part I: Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 3:00p - 4:00p
and

Part II: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 3:00p - 4:00p

October's webinar series highlights how educators can leverage AI tools and effective prompting strategies. Learn to quicky locate, create, and differentiate instructional resources that support the four essential components of reading: alphabetics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Presented by: Laurie Martin, Professional Development Specialist - Adult ELA, Adult Literacy, & Distance Education

Register

From Standards to Success: A Deep Dive into Arizona Adult Education Content Standards

Friday, October 16, 2026, 8:30a - 4:30p
and
Saturday, October 17, 2026, 8:30a - 12:30p

Explore and implement the **Arizona Adult Education Content Standards** to enhance your understanding of the standards which are crucial to guiding adult learners toward educational and career success.

This training is for **new Adult Education instructors, new instructional leaders**, or for those who have **not previously participated** in adult education standards training.

Select either the **ABE/HSE** or **ESOL/ELPS** strand.
Registration: $100.00

Presented by: Michelle Blanks, Jennifer Durcan, and Jennifer Lane, ADE Adult Education Services - Teaching and Learning

Register for ABE/HSE Strand

Register for ESOL/ELPS Strand

November Teaching and Learning Webinar Series: Building Relevance Through Contextualized Instruction

Part I: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 3:00p - 4:00p
and
Part II: Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 3:00p - 4:00p

This professional learning series will help adult education teachers and administrators strengthen learner engagement by connecting academic instruction to meaningful life, career, training, and postsecondary applications.

Participants will learn a practical framework for contextualizing instruction, apply it to an existing lesson, test the redesigned lesson with learners, and share results during a follow-up session.

Presented by: Christina Miller, Miller Consulting Solutions

Register

Administrator Webinar Series: WIOA Title II Section 231 Compliance and ADE Grants Management Enterprise (GME) System Use

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 2:30p - 4:00p

The 2026-27 Arizona Adult Education Administrator Webinar Series will be held the first Tuesday, bi-monthly starting November 3, 2026. The webinar topics will focus on providing current information, guidance, and promising practices for administrators to support program operations at the local level.

Presented by: Janice Cruz, Fiscal Services Director, and Megan Baker, Program Operations and Accountability Director, ADE Adult Education Services

Register

Adult Reading Instruction Supported by Evidence (ARISE) Refresher Year 2+: Alphabetics

Friday, November 6, 2026, 9:00a - 10:30a

The ARISE Year 2+ Refresher series brings together adult education instructors and administrators, including ARISE Year-1 participants and former STAR-trained instructors, to share successes, address challenges, exchange resources, and strengthen EBRI implementation.

In the **November Refresher**, participants will revisit key alphabetics strategies, including phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, and word recognition, and explore how these skills support adult learners' reading development.

Presented by: Michelle Blanks and Jennifer Durcan, ADE Adult Education Services -Teaching and Learning, and Jana Harper, Central Arizona College

Register

Teaching Skills That Matter (TSTM) - Community of Practice

Friday, November 6, 2026, 10:30a - 11:30a

TSTM trains educators to teach nine essential transferable life skills that help students thrive in work and daily life. PY2026-27 TSTM Community of Practice virtual sessions are for state-funded adult education providers who have previously completed TSTM training or for those who would like to learn more about TSTM and its valuable application for adult learners.

Single registrations enrolls you in all 4 virtual sessions:

Friday, November 6, 2026, 10:30a - 11:30a
Friday, January 15, 2027, 10:30a - 11:30a
Friday, March 5, 2027, 10:30a - 11:30a

Friday, May 7, 2027, 10:30a - 11:30a

Presented by: Arizona TSTM Trainers Jennifer Lane, JakinDee Kosaka, Shandiin Deputee, Nuria Sanchez, and Nancy Padilla

Register

Additional Training Opportunities

AAEDMS LACES Micro-Trainings

Need a quick 'how to' demonstration on data entry tasks for AAEDMS LACES?

Visit the ADE Program Operations and Accountability (POA) Vimeo Showcase containing 'bite-sized' trainings related to Arizona's Adult Education data management system, LiteracyPro LACES, also known as AAEDMS.

Videos presented by: Madison Armer, ADE Adult Education Services - POA Data Specialist

AAEDMS LACES Vimeo Showcase



Community Learning Partners and COABE are excited to introduce the **AI Leadership Academy for Adult Education Administrators**, a professional development cohort for adult education program administrators, state office staff, and other leaders.

The cohort will run from October 12 through December 11, 2026, with approximately one hour of engagement per week.

Learn about the AI Academy

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