2025-2026 Adult Education Professional Learning Menu

Adult Education Orientation for New Directors:
Required for all new program directors 2

- August 26, 2025: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, USBE North Boardroom (250 E. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84114), MIDAS#42401-7

Adult Education Directors' Meetings:
Required for all program directors

- September 16, 2025: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, USBE Basement West (250 E. 500 S. SLC, UT 84114), MIDAS #41119-19
- January 22, 2026: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Virtual, MIDAS #41119-20
- March 17th, 2026: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, USBE Basement West (250 E. 500 S. SLC, UT 84114), MIDAS #41119-21

Adult Education Data Administrators Meetings:

Utah Adult Student Information System (UASIS) User Training
Required for all new data administrators

- August 12, 2025: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Granite District Offices Rm. C-121, 2500 South Salt Lake City, 84115

Monthly Data Administrator Virtual Meetings

- Monthly on the third Thursday of every month, at 1:00 PM, August - May.
  The Teams Link for monthly meetings will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Program Specific Training By Request

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

Additional In-Person Training:

Burlington English: Updates with TABE and CASAS Steps

- September 25, 2025: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Jones Center, 382 E Baird Circle (3605 South)Salt Lake City, UT 84115, MIDAS #62340-3 (breakfast and lunch provided)

Corrections Education Summit

- April 24: 9AM-3PM, Fred House Training Academy, 14727 Minuteman Drive, Draper, U MIDAS #41117-7

English Language Acquisition (ELA) Teachers' Summit

- November 4, 2025: 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 Teacher Training

- September 11, 2025: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, USBE Basement West Conference Room (250 E. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84114) MIDAS #60938-5

Small Program Summit

- April 21, 2026: Time & Location TBD 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 14th, 2026: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

    - January 28th, 2026: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

    - February 11th, 2026: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

    - February 25th, 2026: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

    - March 11th, 2026: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

GED Webinar Series

Held virtually from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

- What's New in GED: September 9, 2025
- Using GED Manager: September 23, 2025
- Science: October 14th, 2025
- Social Studies: October 28, 2025
- Reasoning through Language Arts: November 18, 2025
- Opening a Testing Center: December 9, 2025
- Accommodations: January 13, 2026
- Mathematical Reasoning: January 27, 2026

Newsela Training for Directors and Teachers

- **Supporting Multilingual Learners with Newsela,** Online. Aug.28, 2025, 9-10:30am
  Meeting Zoom Link: https://newsela.zoom.us/meeting/register/Rz1l7gQpRPWg-03ss6cAaw
- **Formative Foundations: Creating Assessments**, Online. Sept. 18, 2025. 9-10:30am
  Meeting Zoom Link: https://newsela.zoom.us/meeting/register/Zkhafn7WRLiTKlaz6IWFRQ

- **Reading Skills Instruction with Newsela**, Online. Oct. 23, 2025. 9-10:30am Meeting Zoom Link: https://newsela.zoom.us/meeting/register/Z4XONVKZQeCvVd3ugLDEIw
- TBD, online. Jan. 15, 2026.9-10:30am. Meeting Zoom Link: https://newsela.zoom.us/meeting/register/FOZ9u0i2Q3Cv50tF4gRS5g

Conferences

AEAUT

Pre-Conference: Oct 6, 2025: Zion National Bank Campus, Time TBD, 7860 Bingham Jct Blvd, Midvale, UT 84047 MIDAS #62869-2

Day on the Hill. Utah State Capitol. Salt Lake City. Feb. 6, 2026

USBE Adult Education Fall Conference

Oct 7, 2025: Zion National Bank Campus, 7860 Bingham Jct Blvd, Midvale, UT 84047

MIDAS #62869-2

Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)

April 12 - April 15, 2026: Indianapolis, IN

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. The USBE Adult Education will provide a limited number of scholarships.

GED Annual Conference

August 4-August 6, 2025: Chicago, IL

At the 2025 GED Annual Conference, educators will find opportunities to access the latest professional learning, resources, and program enhancements GED Testing Services has to offer. This conference will benefit adult education professionals who work as instructors, program managers or directors, curriculum specialists, local instructors who serve as trainers, and transition coordinators with curriculum and instruction.

InstructureCon (Canvas)

July 22, 2025 – July 24, 2025: Spokane, WA

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)

March 23-25, 2026: Las Vegas, NV

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.

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 11/12 and 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.

- [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 that have Canvas accounts can self-enroll using this link. For new staff members needing account creation or password help, contact Alex Ellerman. Students can self-enroll in the course at this URL: https://adulted.instructure.com/enroll/EAE9HX.

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 and 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 at this URL: https://adulted.instructure.com/enroll/7LD9KH.

Growing With Canvas: This free course available in the Canvas Commons has five modules of content that will take users through everything they need to know about using Canvas at their institutions. The course uses a combination of Canvas Video Guides and Canvas Guides to teach the content. Participants can try out several concepts through the practice assignments. This course has enabled open enrollment. Students can self-enroll in the course at this URL: https://lor.instructure.com/resources/149d663e5b6a4fd0940b5fbd8fc45e56.

UEN Canvas Foundations: In this asynchronous course, participants will learn to design and deliver an online course using Canvas. This course will guide participants in creating their own course using best practices to set up a visual home page, add engaging content, assess student learning, and communicate effectively using Canvas. The focus of this course is to learn about pedagogical practices with online course design by using the features within Canvas to create a course that will benefit both the teacher and students. The UEN Canvas Foundations link no longer works, but UEN offers MANY PL courses, here is a link to their catalog 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.
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Four adult education pathways are currently available, with more coming soon:
- 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

Essential Education Courses

Utah Adult Education provides three Essential Education online professional learning courses: *Identifying and Remediating Reading Skill Difficulties, Motivating the Adult Learner*, and *Blended Learning in Adult Education*. Each teacher can view their progress, participation time, and lesson mastery in easy-to-read charts located on their learning dashboard. Teachers can self-enroll in courses here.

LINCS (Literacy Information and Communication System)

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

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](USBE) 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](MPAEA) 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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