



UTAH ADULT EDUCATION

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2021-22 Professional Development Menu

New Adult Education Directors' Orientation: MIDAS #42401-3

- August 11: 9 AM to 3 PM, Granite Peaks Learning Center (501 E 3900 S, SLC)

Adult Education Directors' Meetings

- Virtual directors' meetings will be held from 1 PM to 3 PM on the following dates:
 - September 15 - MIDAS # 41119-4
 - November 10 - MIDAS # 41119-5
 - January 12 - MIDAS # 41119-6
 - March 16 - MIDAS # 41119-7
 - May 11 - MIDAS # 41119-8
- In-Person Adult Education Directors' Meeting (In conjunction with AEAUT Fall Conference)
 - October 7: 8 AM to 11 AM, Jordan Commons Megaplex - MIDAS #41119-9

Adult Education Data Administrators Meetings

- New UTopia User Training: August 19, 8 AM to 2 PM, Entrada High School, (825 E 9085 S, Sandy) - MIDAS #42880-7
- Monthly Data Administrator Virtual Meetings will be held from 3 PM to 4 PM on:
 - **August 19 (2-4 pm on this date only)**, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16
- Program specific training by request. Contact utopiawebmaster@schools.utah.gov.

Reading Horizons Trainings: MIDAS #59991

- August 23: 9 AM to 4 PM, Horizonte (1234 Main Street, SLC)
- September 22: 9AM to 4 PM, location TBA

Corrections Education Meeting: MIDAS #41117-4

- September 23: 9 AM to 3 PM, Nebo Summit Center (165 S 700 E, Springville)

English Language Acquisition (ELA) Teachers' Summit: MIDAS #58119-1

- December 9-10: 8 AM to 4 PM, Granite Peaks Learning Center (501 E 3100 S, SLC)

Adult Education Day on the Hill (Hosted by AEAUT)

- January 21: 7 AM to 10 AM, Utah State Capitol Building Rotunda

Conferences

AEAUT/USBE Fall Conference

September October 7-8: Jordan Commons Megaplex Theater, Sandy, UT

The [Adult Education Association of Utah \(AEAUT\)](#) and Utah Adult Education are partnering on our 4th annual Adult Education Fall Conference. Thursday afternoon, plan on pre-conference workshops on a variety of topics. Friday will be a full day. The registration fee is \$150 and includes membership fees for AEAUT, MPAEA, and COABE.

Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)

April 10-13: Seattle, WA

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

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA)

Dates/Location TBA

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). In order to achieve its mission, the association promotes and provides professional development opportunities for adult educators, publishes and distributes relevant information about lifelong learning, and supports and strengthens member associations within the states of the region.

ProLiteracy Conference

September 20-22: San Antonio TX (POSTPONED as of 8/23/21)

The [ProLiteracy](#) Conference on Adult Education features over 100 presentations and workshops that explore how organizations can collaborate to build instructional capacity and deliver innovative, effective literacy services that benefit adult learners, their families, and our shared communities.

Test Administrator Training Information

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

TABE 11/12 (for ABE) test administrator training is available [online](#). Certification candidates must complete [training module one](#) and [training module two](#) in their entirety in order for the certificate to be generated. The password for both parts is "tabecertdrc."

BEST Plus 2.0 (for ELA) new assessor training is a full day virtual training. New assessor training will be held August 30th and February 15th. Additional training dates may be provided by

appointment. Program directors should contact [Danielle Pedersen](#) to register participants or schedule training as needed.

Note that current BEST administrators are required to attend recalibration training every two years. This training is provided via a self-paced canvas course. If you already have a Canvas account, you can self enroll in the course [here](#). If not, sign up [here](#) and use the following join code: DLPXJ6.

CASAS training (for programs who have selected the GOALS series for ABE and/or the Life and Work series for ELA) is available [online](#).

Required Annual Training

NRS Canvas Course: Adult Education staff are required to complete training on the National Reporting System (NRS) annually. Documentation of completed annual training must be available for review during the USBE program review. If you already have a Canvas account, you can self-enroll in the course [here](#). If not, sign up [here](#) and use the following join code: **H8DHXH**.

Additional Opportunities and Resources

Adult Education CANVAS Instance

Utah Adult Education has its own [CANVAS instance](#), meaning all adult educators have access to create and share courses. Each program director has admin rights and can add staff.

Adult Education New Teacher Academy

The Adult Education New Teacher Academy is a self paced Canvas course used for onboarding new staff to adult education. Topics include an overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), adult learner theory, career pathways, and an overview of the college and career readiness standards (CCRS) and English language proficiency standards (ELPS) for adult education. If you already have a canvas account, you can self-enroll [here](#). If not, sign up [here](#) and use the following join code: **YE47MG**

Essential Education Courses

Utah Adult Education is working with Essential Education to provide three online professional development 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 the courses [here](#). After the accounts are set up it will log them in automatically. If assistance is needed, contact [Danielle Pedersen](#).

ESL Study Circle

Utah Adult Education will host a study circle for English Language Acquisition instructors focused on strategies for increasing academic rigor. The study circle will utilize LINCS materials from the course ESLPro: Meeting the Needs of Today's English Language Learner and the Standards In Action 2.0 Workshop. The study circle will meet for 5 virtual sessions on January 13, January 27, February

10, February 24, and March 10. Additional information will be provided at the ELA Teachers Summit.

GED Basics 101

The GED Basics 101 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. Staff can self-enroll [here](#).

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 practice in the field of adult education. LINCS includes four components designed to provide adult educators with the information, resources, professional development activities, and online network they need to enhance their practice and ensure their adult students receive high-quality learning opportunities.

1. [The LINCS Resource Collection](#)
2. [LINCS Professional Development Center](#)
3. [The LINCS Community, an online community of practice](#)
4. [The Learning Portal](#)

ProLiteracy Organizational Membership

All Utah Adult Education programs are ProLiteracy members through a statewide organizational membership. View membership benefits [here](#). Contact ProLiteracy Membership Manager [Michelle Smith](#) to access your membership number.

Regional Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Meetings

Adult Education Program Directors are invited to attend regional PLC meetings with their USBE technical assistant each quarter. These meetings are an opportunity to collaborate with other adult education providers and engage in strategic planning on how to better serve our shared communities.

YouTube Channels

The [USBE Adult, Risk, and Custody Programs YouTube channel](#) includes a variety of recorded webinars, best practice videos, and UTopia tutorials. We are continually adding to this resource bank. If there are specific topics or resources you would like to see highlighted, please email [Danielle Pedersen](#). The [MPAEA YouTube Channel](#) also includes a variety of recorded webinars related to adult education.

STudent Achievement in Reading (STAR)

STudent Achievement in Reading (STAR) is a comprehensive reading reform initiative for implementing evidence-based reading instruction for intermediate-level adult learners. Registration is now open for this PD opportunity. Some of the frequently asked questions are answered below and the timeline for the trainings as well as testimonials from past participants are

attached. Interested programs should complete the application here as a program team. Please submit applications by Friday, August 27, 2021.

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

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