Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education Master of Arts Program

Admissions Information for Prospective Students

education.msu.edu/ead/HALE/mahale

Program Overview:
The Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (HALE) MA program is a professional development degree that provides a broad understanding of postsecondary education from social, historical, philosophical, developmental, and international perspectives. It also develops understanding of central issues in Organization and Leadership; Teaching and Learning; and Contexts of Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education as they reflect the relationship between theory and practice. We expect that graduates will be prepared for a variety of roles in postsecondary education and for cultivation of inclusive educational environments.

The HALE MA program seeks to strengthen postsecondary educational opportunities by preparing individuals who foster organizational development and change within an increasingly complex and global society; who nurture within individuals, groups, organizations and society skill in and commitment to lifelong learning; and who honor diversity and difference among people, groups, and societies.

Students in the HALE MA program are able to choose between two delivery methods for the curriculum/course work. The first is the traditional method, which requires students to take some classes on the MSU campus, as well as online course options; the second method is fully online with all classes offered electronically. The traditional method includes a residency requirement in which six credits (typically 2 courses) must be completed on the MSU campus. Each delivery method has its own program code.

Admissions Criteria:
The admissions committee considers the following criteria for admission to the HALE MA program:

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (students with a GPA lower than 3.0 may be admitted provisionally)
- References that showcase your academic ability and commitment to the field of higher, adult, or lifelong education
- Personal statement that addresses the following questions:
  1. What experiences led to your interest in pursuing the HALE MA program?
  2. What qualities, characteristics, and skills do you possess that will make you a strong candidate for the HALE MA program?
  3. How will the HALE MA program at Michigan State University help you meet your personal and professional goals?
- Professional or paraprofessional experience
- Admission into the Graduate School

Important Dates

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<td>Deadline to apply to HALE MA program for optimal consideration. Completed applications received after January 5th will be considered for fall admission as space permits.</td>
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Contact Us

For more information about our program, if you are coming to campus and would like to visit, or if you would like to speak with a current student about their experience, please contact us at:

haleadm@msu.edu
or
517-353-5187

The HALE MA Curriculum:

With the assistance of an advisor, MA students plan a program of study tailored to meet their educational needs and professional goals. Students in the HALE MA program will enroll in a minimum of 30 credit hours.

Application Process:

1. Complete the online MSU graduate application. (admissions.msu.edu/admission/graduate.asp)
   - Online graduate study application for admission (HALE MA program code: 2288; ONLINE HALE MA Program: 6734)
   - Pay $50 application fee
   - Personal statement/statement of purpose (see guidelines on HALE MA website)
2. Complete the Online Supplemental Application System (OSAS) at ed4web.educ.msu.edu/EADOSAS, including:
   - Provide contact information for three recommenders
   - Upload a pdf file of resume
3. Send official transcripts to:
   Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (HALE) Program
c/o HALE Admissions Assistant
Department of Educational Administration
Erickson Hall
620 Farm Lane, Room 423
East Lansing, MI 48824-1034

We encourage you to keep copies of all application materials for your records.

Please note that the GRE or an academic interview is not required for admission. However, the Graduate Research Colloquium provides many opportunities to meet and talk with current faculty members.

International Applicants:
International applicants must provide proof of English language proficiency if English is not your native language. For information about additional materials needed for international applicants, please visit the Graduate School Application website at http://grad.msu.edu/apply/.

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