Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education Master of Arts Program

Admissions Information for Prospective Students

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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.

Students in the HALE MA program are able to choose between two delivery methods for the curriculum/course work. The first is a hybrid, 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 two 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 recommending 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

Important Dates

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<td>January 5</td>
<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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<td>Mid-February</td>
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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; Hybrid HALE MA program code: 2288; Online HALE MA program code: 6734)
   A. Pay $50 application fee
   B. The graduate school application asks for an academic statement and a personal statement. Under each field, please enter “Please see my personal statement uploaded on the Graduate Education applicant portal.”
   C. Provide contact information for three recommenders

2. On the Graduate Education applicant portal, upload the following files (in PDF format):
   A. Personal statement as “supplemental application”
   B. Resume

3. Send official transcripts to:
   Higher, Adult, & Lifelong Education Program
   c/o HALE Admissions Assistant
   Department of Educational Administration
   620 Farm Lane, 423 Erickson
   East Lansing, MI 48824-1034

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 first 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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Teaching, Learning, and Leading across Boundaries