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Teaching the Adult Learner
The Center for Teaching Excellence
University of Virginia’s College at Wise
3 Credit Hours

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I. Course Description:
While it is true that there are similarities in the learning processes of adults and children, the learning needs and expectations of adults are distinctive and reflect the adult learners’ need to know why they are learning. The focus of this course is to explore the unique learning needs of the adult learner and to understand, as a teacher of adult learners, how to better meet those needs in a variety of educational settings.

II. Course Aims and Objectives:
At the completion of this course, the student should be able to do the following:
• Recognize the unique characteristics of adult learners
• Understand what it means to be a facilitator of adult learning
• Adopt a personal philosophy of adult education
• Identify various learning styles and teaching styles
• Demonstrate knowledge of instructional methods and techniques