Graduate Certificate: Training and Organizational Development

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About the Certificate

The graduate certificate in Training and Organizational Development is intended for adult educators and administrators, trainers, consultants, program and instructional developers, and facilitators. The certificate program is a training ground for individuals wishing to enter careers in these settings and an opportunity for mid-career professionals to upgrade their skills. It consists of four courses focusing on adult training, team development, and organizational change in such diverse settings as educational, community-based, and governmental organizations, associations, and the workplace.

Time Limit for Certificate Completion: 2 years

Campus Location: Center City (TUCC), with classes offered in the evening and on weekends

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The graduate certificate can be completed on a part-time basis.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Non-matriculated students may take up to 9 credits of coursework before applying to the graduate certificate program.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted for the Fall and Spring terms and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

APPLY ONLINE to this certificate program.

Letters of Reference: Number Required: 2

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained to provide insight regarding the applicant's academic competence. References from college/university faculty are recommended.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A bachelor's degree is required. A minimum UGPA of 3.0 is expected.

International applicants should also submit an official document that validates completion and conferral of a degree, diploma, and/or certificate. While not required, international applicants are encouraged to submit transcript(s) to the World Education Services (WES) for evaluation

Statement of Goals: Outline your interest in seeking a graduate certificate with a specific focus on the career to which you aspire, your interests, and your academic and job-related experiences that are relevant to the program.

Standardized Test Scores:

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53

Resume: Current resume required.

Other Requirement: Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all accredited institutions attended and/or from which credit was earned must be submitted.

Certificate Requirements

Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 12

Required Courses:
### Core Courses

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Students who choose to matriculate into the M.Ed. program in Adult and Organizational Development may transfer up to 12 credits from the Training and Organizational Development certificate upon acceptance into the M.Ed. program. Completion of a certificate program does not guarantee admission into the master's program. Students considering matriculating into a master's program are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

### Contacts

**Certificate Program Web Address:**


**Department Information:**

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**Submission Address for Application Materials:**

https://apply.temple.edu/COE/

**Department Contacts:**

**Admissions:**  
Office of Enrollment Management  
educate@temple.edu  
215-204-0999

**Courses**

**AOD 5401. System Dynamics. 3 Credit Hours.**  
Frameworks for understanding dynamic social systems that form the bases for research, assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation of social entities are explored. Linear and nonlinear theories are examined, especially as they may be applied to group and organizational training and development.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**AOD 5402. Communication and Conflict. 3 Credit Hours.**  
This course focuses on the role of communication in settings where there is an attempt to manage conflict among individuals or groups. Students study the major factors that influence conflict interaction and learn to apply conflict theories to interpersonal, group, and organizational settings.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
AOD 5403. Facilitating Adult Learning. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines teaching and learning transactions in adult educational settings and the methods and techniques appropriate for facilitating adult learning.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5404. Organizational Communication. 3 Credit Hours.
Interpersonal and relational processes and transactions are critical to organizational functioning. This course explores major points of organizational communication and interaction (e.g., attraction, recruitment, selection, socialization, training, development, performance management, and career progression/promotion). Moderators of communication (e.g. diversity, culture, and climate) and effects on organizational outcomes (attraction, performance, commitment, retention) will be highlighted.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5405. Conflict Resolution in Education. 3 Credit Hours.
Educators need to know how to develop safe and constructive learning environments. Effective management of conflict in educational settings and the creation of conflict competence in students and staff are key. This course provides an overview of proven programs in conflict resolution education in K-12 contexts.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5516. Negotiation Processes. 3 Credit Hours.
Negotiation is a critical skill in any professional or personal context. This course teaches students to engage effectively in cooperative and competitive orientations as a means to negotiate dyadic and multiparty situations.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5518. Third-Party Conflict Intervention. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines the various ideologies and roles that third parties adopt as they intervene in conflict in interpersonal, group, organizational, or cross-cultural settings. Students learn the fundamentals of various third-party roles, including mediators, arbitrators, ombudspersons, and facilitators. Emphasis is placed on how conflict interveners' purpose drives their practice as they work toward transforming difficult conflicts.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5522. Interpersonal Skills Training. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines training methods to develop interpersonal and team effectiveness in the workplace. Skills included are understanding others, clear communication, asserting needs, exchanging feedback, influencing, resolving conflict, collaborating, and shifting gears.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5524. Sociocultural Dynamics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines contending frameworks for understanding conditions and dynamics of sociocultural diversity and scenarios for preferred outcomes. Contemporary and evolving issues of human diversity in our global, local, and personal contexts are explored, especially as these relate to professional practice.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
AOD 5527. Training Design and Delivery. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines the design of training programs in public and private sector organizations. Students learn to design active, experientially based training programs.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5532. Leadership and Management. 3 Credit Hours.
This course addresses the theoretical understandings that guide appropriate implementation of professional managerial and facilitative roles in adult and organizational development. Students gain increased clarity regarding contextually appropriate practice of both management and leadership.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5533. Team Development. 3 Credit Hours.
This course blends academic inquiry and experiential learning in exploring the nature and dimensions of teams. We focus on: Characteristics of teams; Processes of teamwork; Issues teams face; and Organizational context of teams.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5534. Group Facilitation and Consultation. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the skills needed to assist groups and teams in their decision-making processes. Students learn both voting and consensus processes and develop the skills needed to facilitate either approach to decision-making. The course also covers a range of specialized formats for assisting group decision-making such as brainstorming, nominal group technique, problem solving, incrementalism, and mixed scanning.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5535. Organizational Assessment, Design and Strategy. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores applied research and evaluation in organizations. It highlights methods such as surveys, interviews, focus groups, administrative data analysts, and "tests" used for organizational purposes such as employee selection, performance appraisal and employee motivation/satisfaction. Students are expected to explore a relevant organizational research/assessment proposal.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

AOD 5540. Current Topics in AOD. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
The topics of this course vary. Its inclusion in the curriculum allows faculty and students to explore emerging issues in the field.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

AOD 8101. Training and Organizational Development: Theory and Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a doctoral level graduate seminar that focuses on critical conceptual and empirical issues facing the field of training and development. The course is structured around major training themes such as training needs assessment, design, evaluation and transfer. The course is not specifically designed to "train" trainers but to give participants an appreciation for the critical research issues that must be addressed in the training literature. To appreciate these issues, participants will also be involved in projects designed to simulate the practical issues and constraints in designing a training program. Thus, the course is based on the principles of action learning and learner control of the learning process.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
AOD 9187. Practicum in Adult and Organizational Development. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with the opportunity to translate adult and organizational theory into practice by gaining experience working in contexts in which change and learning are being fostered. Students work under the auspices of the Training and Development Center and are placed in a variety of contexts. This course should be taken near the end of the student's program.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

AOD 9231. Proseminar in AOD. 3 Credit Hours.
This capstone course provides students with the opportunity to design and complete a culminating project that applies the principles of AOD theory and practice.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.