

WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, A.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

This is a 60 credit program, with many of the courses offered in multiple delivery formats to address the needs of the adult learner, such as a blend of face-to-face and online, delivery via video conference technologies such as Polycom or Adobe Connect, or totally online. It will provide a solid foundation of curriculum pertinent to gaining knowledge and skills required for success in the field of workforce education and development. It will allow the participant to develop the skills and competencies essential to analyzing community and/or organizational needs, recommend and deliver effective education and training programs for process and employee improvement, supervise and lead others, and manage workforce development projects and initiatives. It will also provide the opportunity to network with individuals who share many of the same interests and will enhance the participant's ability to address community and organization needs.

What is Workforce Education and Development?

Workforce Education and Development (WFED) at Penn State is a unique college program, which provides you with a foundation required for success in the field of workforce education and development. There are two areas of emphasis within the Associate Degree Program including: Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Workplace Learning and Performance. The mission of Penn State's Workforce Education and Development Program is to promote excellence, opportunity, and leadership among current and future professionals in the field of workforce education and development, including professionals employed in secondary and postsecondary education institutions, social services, employee organizations, and private sector businesses. The program will allow you to develop the skills and abilities essential to: analyze community and organizational challenges; prescribe and deliver effective education and training programs; and manage workforce development projects and initiatives.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to learn about training in business, industry and educational settings.
- You want to study education and how to manage workforce development projects and processes.
- You want to learn how to provide improvement strategies for communities and organizations.
- You want to pursue a career in Training and Development or Career and Technical Education (CTE).