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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Education
Department of Educational Studies

EDST 518: Theory and Research on Adult Learning

At the heart of all adult education practices is an understanding of adult learning.

This course immerses students in some of the learning theories and research. It examines neurological perspectives of learning, self-directed learning, transformative learning, and experiential learning. It also explores the embodied, emotional and spiritual dimensions of learning, and some sociocultural and sociomaterial learning perspectives including communities of practice, cultural historical activity theories, and practice-based learning theories. It further examines cross-cultural learning and learning as it intersects the life world of women and the aged and disabled people.

This is a course that integrates theory exploration with reflection and imagination of practices. You will be encouraged to develop a critical appreciation of the theories while attending to how they could inform your teaching, learning and other educational or work practices.

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