EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
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Date:
Begins May 18, 2026

Location:
Google Classroom & Zoom

Time:
On your own time with an optional Zoom Meeting on June 10, 2026

Target Audience:
Administrators & Educational Leaders

Contact Hours:
40 contact hours

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To register and pay, click or scan here:

Aligns with the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce's 4 Priorities

- ☐ Literacy
- ☑ Learning Acceleration
- ☐ Student Wellness
- ☐ Workforce Readiness

Leading Adults, Transforming Systems

Exploring *The Adult Learner* by Knowles, Holton & Swanson

A Book Study for Principals & Superintendents

Tenth Edition
The Adult Learner
The Definitive Classic in Adult Education and Human Resource Development
Malcolm S. Knowles, Elwood F. Holton III, Petra A. Robinson, and Corina Caracciol

Participants are responsible for securing their own copy of the book.

Why This Book Study Matters

Today's schools rise or fall on the strength of their adult learning culture. Technology, legislation, and social structures are all transforming the world at a rapid rate, requiring educators to transform with them. Yet change is not always something adults are comfortable adapting to. This self-paced study gives district leaders a clear, research-grounded framework for designing PD that is respectful, relevant, and transformative.
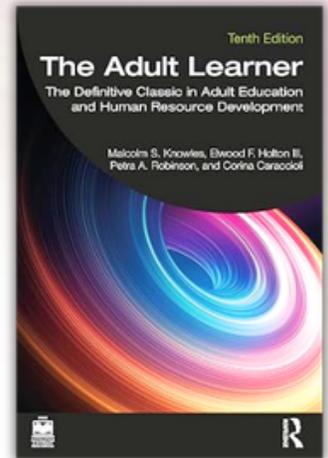
What You'll Gain

- A deeper understanding of how adults learn—and why it's different
- Practical tools for designing PD that actually sticks
- Strategies for building a culture of autonomy, trust, and professional growth
- Weekly prompts that connect theory to real district challenges
- A chance to reflect on your own leadership and learning practices

How It Works

- 8-week asynchronous study hosted in Google Classroom

- Each week includes:
  - 2–3 discussion questions
  - A short, actionable leadership activity
  - A chapter reading assignment

Designed for busy leaders—flexible, meaningful, and immediately applicable.

Graduate Credit Available from Ashland College!

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Ashland University Credit
(optional)

At any time during *The Adult Learner* bookstudy, you can decide to earn graduate credit for just $185 per credit hour through Ashland University's Professional Learning Services. This affordable option allows educators to turn high-quality professional development into meaningful credit for license renewal or salary advancement (check with your LPDC). You may select from a 1 semester hour credit, 2 semester credit hour or 3 credit hour course using the links below.

26/GW 6360 D8 - The Adult Learner Bookstudy 1CR $185
26/GW 6360 D9 - The Adult Learner Bookstudy 2CR $370
26/GW 6360 F1 - The Adult Learner Bookstudy 3CR $555

In order to receive Ashland Graduate Credit for the above courses, in addition to completing all other assigned activities, you must also complete the following tasks:

- For 1 Graduate Credit Hour: Write a 2-page paper synthesizing activities 2 and 3, detailing how the response you received in activity 2 informed your design in activity 3: 2) Interview 3–5 teachers about PD barriers and summarize themes, and 3) Design a short experiential learning cycle for an upcoming PD topic.

- For 2 Graduate Credit Hours: Write a 2-page paper synthesizing activities 5 and 6, detailing how your teacher self-identified needs assessment informed your choice of new instructional method: 5) Conduct a mini needs-assessment using a small teacher sample, and 6) Create a PD session outline using one new instructional method.

- For 3 Graduate Credit Hours: Write a 2-page paper explaining your rationale for your redesign proposal and how the book informed you choices.

- Please note - Ashland has moved to a new software platform, and everyone will need to create a brand-new profile regardless of whether they have taken courses with Ashland in the past. Once they create the new account, the new system will sync with the old system and merge their profiles together.

When trying to access your Ashland profile, we have new directions for that. Those are here:

You can click **HERE** to be taken to the student portal, Self-Service Ashland where you can view your records with the university. In order to login, Self-Service asks you for an Ashland University email address and password. Your Ashland University email address is your Ashland University username + @ashland.edu. If you don't already have a login, please visit https://pass.it.ashland.edu/authorization.do.

If you do not know your username or you are experiencing difficulty you can call the Ashland Technical Support Center or TSC for help at 419-289-5405.