Mission Statement

MAACCE represents our members by providing leadership, professional development and advocacy to advance lifelong learning in Maryland.

- a central forum for adult educators
- 350+ members strong
- the largest provider of professional development for adult educators
- an advocate for adult education providers
- a place for organizations, agencies, and businesses to collaborate

Membership is $40 per year. Benefits include:

- MAACCE Matters Newsletter—members can submit articles for publication
- reduced fees for annual conference
- regional professional development opportunities
- eligibility to nominate students and staff for MAACCE Awards
- eligibility to apply for MAACCE scholarships/grants
- opportunity to participate in workgroups and committees
- individual membership in the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)
- advocacy updates and participation in campaigns and calls to action on behalf of the field

To access the membership application, please visit [http://www.maaccemd.org/about/join/](http://www.maaccemd.org/about/join/)

Join our ranks as we set out to increase membership in all regions of Maryland
About Adult Education

Through adult education instruction, adults, and out-of-school youth have the opportunity to:

- Improve basic skills
- Earn a high school diploma
- Increase English language skills
- Access job training or post-secondary education
- Transition to jobs

Community-based organizations, community colleges, correctional facilities, churches or other faith-based venues, and workforce investment boards all contribute to these efforts.

Compelling Literacy Statistics

- Over 500,000 adults in Maryland lack a high school diploma.
- In FY16, state-funded adult education programs served 34,862 adult learners.
- 5% of the population in Maryland speak English less than ‘very well.’
- Over 36 million adults in the U.S. struggle to read, write, do math, and use technology above a 3rd grade level.
- 50% of U.S. adults can’t read a book written at an 8th grade level.

Call to Action

Be part of expanding and enhancing MAACCE!

MAACCE provides excellent opportunities for members to gain knowledge from state and national experts in content-rich adult education topics. It also ensures that the voices of adult learners and adult education professionals are heard at the local, state, and federal levels.

MAACCE is enriched and expanded by identifying, recruiting and welcoming new members.

MAACCE committees are charged with various aspects of this mission. Join a Committee!

MAACCE Committees

Professional Development
- Hosts annual spring conference
- Offers regional professional development events
- Encourages board membership and committee participation

Advocacy and Communication
- Follows adult education and workforce public policy
- Participates in state and federal legislation and informs membership about items affecting the field
- Leads advocacy efforts for state and federal funding, e.g. the annual postcard campaign to the Governor
- Organizes the ‘Go Green’ campaign to raise awareness of the need for adult education and workforce services

Outreach and Membership
- Strives to increase membership from all geographical regions in Maryland
- Recruits from groups new to MAACCE, e.g. college certificate programs and workforce
- Expands membership from currently represented programs, organizations, etc.