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Adult learners are changing the landscape of higher education.

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Today, almost as many adults as traditional students engage in formal learning.



of the 19.8 million students attending U.S. colleges and universities are adult learners aged 25 or older.1



of employed adults engaged in work-related learning between 2015 and 2016.2







Why professional and continuing education?

People will hold an average of **12 jobs** during the lifetimes.⁴

72% of adult learners

say they will need additional education to keep up with advancements in their fields in the next five years.5



of the workforce will be made up of millennials by 2020,6 but less than 40% of them feel they have the right skills and expect businesses to prepare them for success in today's work environment.7



Advances in technology and the future of work.



of today's work activities can be automated by adapting current technologies.8

of employees worry that **artificial intelligence and new technology** will replace them.9

72% of adult learners

believe that advances in technology will significantly change their jobs within five years.10



Adult learners set their sights on the future.

68% of adults

are likely to enroll in a degree or certificate program in the next five years.11 Certificate programs and training courses are the most popular non-degree options for adult learners.12



of adult learners look for education providers that offer them skills and knowledge that will be useful for the future job market.13

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