



2018

UBC  
SUMMER  
INSTITUTE

Keynote lecturer and guest lecturers with special expertise in Gerontology, Neuroscience, Psychology and all areas of the Arts to be announced!

# OPTIMIZING LEARNING FOR OLDER ADULTS

## UBC CAMPUS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Monday through Friday

## JULY 30 – AUG 3

REGISTER BY  
JUNE 15

non-credit participation

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program will be a Participatory Group Exploration of the unique functional and structural differences in the learning needs, desires and capacities of the older adult learner and a discovery of how to use the Arts and Transformative Learning theory to optimize the older adult learning experience, increasing the quality of life and overall wellbeing for the largest and fastest growing demographic in our population.

The older learner is defined as anyone over 50 years of age. Theory for this course will be drawn from mainstream education literature, supplemented by principles of effective practice in teaching older adults and will have a special focus within the arts. The goal of this course will be to develop knowledge and understanding of older adult learners who are increasing in numbers and to develop an appreciation of the needs and desires of these older learners and how they might be best served through learning in the arts.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Each day will begin with a lecture and question period with an internationally recognized expert in Gerontology, Psychology, Neuroscience, Education or the Arts, with the latter part of each day devoted to participatory workshops in creative learning in the Arts for seniors led by recognized visual, sound, writing, and body movement artists.

ACADEMIC CONTACT  
robgw44@hotmail.com

[pdce.educ.ubc.ca/TeachingOlderAdults](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/TeachingOlderAdults)

REGISTRATION  
[pro-d.educ@ubc.ca](mailto:pro-d.educ@ubc.ca)

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Educators, past and present
- Anyone involved with senior caregiving, education/learning or recreation/entertainment
- Students studying gerontology, geriatrics, nursing, seniors care, etc.
- Those interested in the Arts and Transformative Learning

*Note: Involves active participation and group discussion. All art making materials will be provided.*

## INSTRUCTOR: ROBERT WILSON

Robert holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and an MFA from the University of the Arts London and is presently a PhD candidate in the UBC Interdisciplinary School Grad Program. His current PhD research crosses a number of disciplines including; visual arts, gerontology, neuro-research, cognitive systems and psychology. Robert's special interest are in the field of Educational Gerontology especially concerning the educating of older and younger adults in the area of Older Adult Learning. Robert has been a practicing artist for 25 years. As a sculpture, painter and drawer, he has participated in one person and group shows and has conducted workshops in many venues in the Vancouver area, as well as England, the USA and Mexico.



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Education

f [facebook.com/ubcpdce](https://facebook.com/ubcpdce)

t [twitter.com/UBC\\_pdce](https://twitter.com/UBC_pdce)

[pdce.educ.ubc.ca](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca)