The Six Core Content Areas of the Credential

**Principles of Adult Learning**
Utilizing a theory-based framework allows adult educators to better understand adult learners. Principles of adult learning include understanding the unique characteristics of adult learners, activating prior knowledge and life experiences to facilitate meaningful learning.
Minimum Points Required - 30

**Teaching/Learning Transaction**
This core content is the key to success for both the adult learner and the adult educator. Teaching the adult learner requires an ethic of caring and knowledge of successful teaching and learning practices that motivate the adult learner and promote a community of learning.
Minimum Points Required - 30

**Diverse Learning Styles, Abilities and Cultures**
Appreciation of learning styles, knowledge of learning abilities, and sensitivity to multicultural, socioeconomic, and socio-cultural issues assist the adult educator in selecting and in modifying appropriate teaching and learning strategies.
Minimum Points Required - 20

**Integrating Technology into Adult Learning**
In addition to helping learners utilize technology in their learning and to prepare them for the workforce, adult educators must also be prepared to utilize technology themselves in their own professional development.
Minimum Points Required - 20

**Accountability and Assessment**
Currently there is a greater focus on accountability in adult education in Texas. The challenge lies in the successful implementation and documentation of adult education. Documentation may be formal or informal. It includes mandated assessments, authentic assessments as well as measures of teacher proficiencies, learner recruitment and persistence.
Minimum Points Required - 20

**Contextual Learning**
Adult education teachers’ work in diverse settings and locations or "contexts." This content area provides a mechanism for teachers to specialize in one of several different contexts including workforce, family literacy, corrections, and/or transitions. Teachers not wishing to specialize may take a generalist approach.
Minimum Points Required - 30