

Dr Nancy Cloud has been a force in all aspects of the Rhode Island ESL teaching community for many years. Her help not only extends to the K-12 teaching world, but to the Adult Education community too. Her contributions to the field are many and have had a huge positive impact in the lives of many educators.

First, she has given immense support to those going through the Rhode Island College teaching programs interested in Adult Education. She has always gone out of her way to accommodate Adult Educators by making sure every classroom assignment reflects the reality for those entering the field. Additionally, her commitment to help Adult Education programs with PD needs has helped numerous staff at many programs improve their teaching craft, and thus create more positive outcomes for Adult English Language learners.

Second, her inclusion of Adult Education professionals into the structure of RITELL has helped those in A.E. become leaders in the organization, which in turn means the conferences, workshops and publications always have value for those working with adult learners. Her efforts also include the creation of the Adult Education Special Interest Group, which gives a voice for PD and advocacy needs of A.E. professionals.

Her advocacy for adult education has had a great impact on getting the A.E. field recognized in the state and outside of Rhode Island. Moreover, her impact has meant an increase in professionalism and a much more robust Adult Education environment in RI. It was remarkable from the nominating session of the Adult Education award that everyone on the committee has Nancy to thank for either training, honest feedback and professional opportunities she has provided. We are truly thankful to her for the many careers she has helped launch, for her non-stop efforts to promote and support Adult Education at RIC, RITELL and beyond, and for her understanding of the importance of how Adult Education changes the prospects, opportunities, and living conditions for our learners.