



**Dr. Richard Adicks**  
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A sixth-generation Floridian, Richard Adicks was born in Lake City and graduated from Columbia High School in 1950.

Adicks earned a bachelor's degree in education and a Master of Arts in English from the University of Florida. He served in the Army for two years. He taught English and U. S. history in high schools in Plant City and St. Petersburg, and was an instructor of English at Rollins College from 1961-1963. He completed the Ph. D. at Tulane University in 1965.

After teaching for three years in the English department at Georgia Tech, he joined the charter faculty of the University of Central Florida (then Florida Technological University) in 1968. In his thirty-one years at UCF, he taught more than thirty courses, ranging from Victorian literature to the Homeric epics and the Bible as literature. He retired in 1999 as professor emeritus.

Adicks taught in the State of Florida Study Center in Florence, Italy, in spring 1988 and was a Fulbright lecturer in 1997-1998 at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

In addition to articles on literature, Adicks is the author of *A Court for Owls* (1989), a novel about the Lincoln assassination, a co-author of *Oviedo: Biography of a Town* (1979, 1992, and 2007), and one of ten co-authors of *The Book Lover's Guide to Florida* (1992).

Richard Adicks and his wife, Mildred, have one daughter and two grandchildren.