

PERSONAL FINANCE INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

July 14-15-16, 2015

Do you teach Personal Finance? Are you interested in revising an existing Personal Finance course to add more rigor? Would you like to earn financial education industry certification? If so, consider attending Nebraska's Personal Finance Institute, to be held at Northeast Community College July 14, 15, and 16, 2015. Accepted participants are also required to enroll for graduate credit (no audits) from either Wayne State College or the University of NE-Lincoln.

Dr. Patricia Arneson of Wayne State College and Dr. Tammie Fischer and Jennifer Davidson of UNL will serve as instructors/facilitators; and guest presenters will be Sherry Roberts, Middle Tennessee State University, and Mike Casey, University of Central Arkansas.

The **Personal Finance Institute** will be offered as a 1- or 3-hour graduate credit on-campus course from July 14-16, 2015 with all course requirements due on or before July 31. You must do two things to guarantee participation in the Personal Finance Institute:

1. **By Friday, May 1, 2015**, you must **complete the online Personal Finance Institute application** to indicate your intention to participate in the Institute. The Personal Finance Institute is **limited to the first 35 completed registrations**. Apply online at nebraskacouncil.unl.edu This information is needed before textbooks and resources can be ordered from the publisher(s). When registering, please provide your **home mailing address** (no PO Box addresses or school addresses). Textbooks from Pearson Publishing can **ONLY** be shipped to an actual home address.

Prior to the Personal Finance Institute, registrants are required to read and complete textbook homework assignments and readings to be emailed prior to the workshop to the Institute presenters. The pre-work will assist the presenters in customizing instruction to better prepare you for the end-of-workshop certification testing.

2. **Register for one of the following on or before May 1** (no one will be allowed to participate in the institute on a non-credit basis).
 - a. **WSC - ECO 600 Seminar in Economic Education: Personal Finance Institute** (3 credits) for the July session through Wayne State College. No prerequisites in economics are required. Summer registration begins **February 23, 2015**. To enroll, call the Continuing Education office at Wayne State College (1-800-228-9972 Ext. 7215). Tuition (including fees) is \$687.75. If you have never taken a course through WSC before, an additional \$15 one-time matriculation fee is charged. The **deadline** for registering for WSC is **May 1**.
 - b. **UNL - Economics 851 (Special Topics in Economics): Economics and Personal Finance course** (1 credit) through the University of NE-Lincoln. After submitting your application at

nebraskacouncil.unl.edu by May 1, 2015, applicants will be contacted for the official UNL course registration by the UNL Center for Economic Education, Dr. Tammie Fischer (tfischer1@unl.edu). No prerequisites in economics required.

3. **Guffey Scholarships through the Nebraska Council on Economic Education are available to Nebraska K-12 teachers completing the Institute;** Registrants at each institution will receive a \$250 scholarship. WSC registrants will receive the \$250 Guffey scholarship check via mail upon completion of the Institute; UNL registrants will have the \$250 Guffey scholarship deducted from their tuition bill. Note: Community college and college/university educators are not eligible for the \$250 scholarship due to Guffey restrictions.
4. **Off-site lodging** is the participant's responsibility, a discounted housing block has been established at Hampton Inn on 904 South 20th Street in Norfolk. To make a reservation call 402-379-3585. Rooms must be reserved **by June 15, 2015** to receive the discounted rate and all reservations will have a 24 hour cancellation policy.

Any Nebraska middle school, secondary and/or 2- or 4-year college educator who intends to implement personal finance into their curriculum is eligible for the Personal Finance Institute. Those participating in the Institute should understand that they are responsible for paying their tuition prior to the Institute. **Meals, one round-trip mileage, WISE Financial Literacy Certification pretest and exams and curriculum teacher resources will be funded by the Institute partners.**

At the end of the training, teachers are required to take the WISE financial literacy certification exam. Passing or failing this literacy certification exam will not affect the course grade. However, **being able to add an industry certification to your teaching resume is a valuable aspect of professional development!**

Participants are required to attend the entire on-campus training sessions, including evening meals, for the 3 days of the Institute, plus take the literacy certification exam. The Institute will run approximately from 8:00 am each day and conclude around 7:30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 4 pm on Thursday. Your registration indicates your commitment to fully attend and participate in the Personal Finance Institute.

Participants should bring a laptop or tablet for use throughout the Institute. Dress is business casual. Rooms can be chilly – please bring a sweater or jacket.

Visit nebraskacouncil.unl.edu to view the tentative agenda and complete the **Personal Finance Institute online application, which is due by May 1.**