

You are invited to apply to attend
**THE RIGHT START INSTITUTE IN TEACHING
ECONOMICS**

A Program of
The Foundation for Teaching Economics
in partnership with the
Maryland Council on Economic Education

PROGRAM DATES: February 17 - 20, 2012

LOCATION: Hillendale Country Club
13700 Blenheim Road, Phoenix, MD
<http://www.hillendalecc.com/>

PROGRAM GOAL: To allow teachers who are new / beginning teachers of economics (*three years economics teaching experience or less*) to identify and learn basic economic content and to develop lesson plans for effectively teaching the high school economics course.

PROGRAM FORMAT: A four-day program which incorporates content, overviews, demonstration lectures, simulations and special topic discussions.

PROGRAM STAFF: Donald G. Fell, FTE Program Director

Bradley Hobbs, Professor of Finance and Economics
Florida Gulf Coast University

Noreen Lephardt, Visiting Professor of Economics
Marquette University

PARTICIPANT COSTS: Round trip transportation to and from meeting site.

PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS: The Foundation for Teaching Economics will cover all costs for materials and some meals. A \$100 expense honoraria will be paid if lodging is not needed.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: **Completed application received by the MCEE, including \$50 registration fee (non refundable) by January 15, 2012**

PLEASE EMAIL dbaker@towson.edu for application packet.

Schedule of Events

THE RIGHT START in Teaching Economics

Hillendale Country Club – Phoenix, MD

February 17 - 20, 2012

- Day 1: 1:00 Registration
1:30 - 3:30 General Session
3:30 Break
3:55 - 6:30 General Session
6:55 Adjourn
- Day 2: 7:15 Continental Breakfast
8:00 - noon General Session
Noon - 2:00 Lunch (on own)
2:00 - 3:20 General Session
3:20 Break
3:40 - 6:00 General Session
6:00 Adjourn
- Day 3 7:15 Continental Breakfast
8:00 - noon General Session
Noon - 2:00 Lunch (on own)
2:00 - 3:20 General Session
3:20 Break
3:40 - 6:00 General Session
6:00 Adjourn
- Day 4 7:15 Continental Breakfast
8:00 - noon General Session
12:15 Evaluation and Closing Remarks
1:00 Adjourn

INSTITUTE GUIDELINES:

Dress for all occasions is casual.

Parking charges are the participant's responsibility and will not be paid by FTE.

Guests of participants are not to be included in any meal / event function.

Participants agree to attend all sessions. Credit will not be granted if all or part of any session is missed.

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PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

The Right Start Institute is a 4-day program for high school teachers who are either new teachers of economics or have taught high school economics for three years or less. The Institute is designed to help teachers identify and learn basic economic content and develop lesson plans for effectively teaching the high school economics course.

The program is structured as a business conference, with emphasis on economic content appropriate to teaching high school economics. Additionally, the Institute incorporates a blend of learning activities, including hands-on classroom activities and simulations. All materials and activities have been developed specifically for this program.

Key topics / concepts covered in the program include:

- Scarcity / Opportunity Cost
- Incentives and the Role of Profit
- Demand and Supply
- Markets and Prices
- The Role of Government
- International Trade
- The Banking System
- Competition and Market Structure
- Externalities and Property Rights
- Factor Markets and Economic Development
- Tragedy of the Commons

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