

Personal Finance Certificate for Educators

WHY?

High school students in the state of Missouri must take a personal finance course to graduate. Any certified teacher, regardless of the discipline in which they are certified, can teach the course. Most teachers are not required to take any personal finance or economics to gain certification.

What can be done? We know that when teachers receive high-quality professional development, students learn. The University of Missouri-St. Louis and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis have a long history of delivering professional development to educators. We provide educators with tools for teaching personal finance content. We will prepare a cadre of teachers to:

- **Deliver inspirational and effective instruction**
- **Support each other in ongoing professional growth**



WHAT?

We will provide an intensive year-long program of professional development in personal finance content and engaging instructional methods. This program will be centered at the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. It will be hands-on and blended.

Educators who successfully complete this program will receive a graduate Certificate in Personal Finance from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The program will include 12 hours of graduate credit.

- **9 hours of credit will be asynchronous online learning**
- **3 hours of credit will be for in-person participation in a week-long professional development seminar held at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**

The program will also provide opportunities for participants to network and establish a community of personal finance teachers and learners.

The course content will emphasize economic decision making applied to personal finance content that aligns with national educational standards in personal finance including: careers and earning income, spending, saving, responsible use of credit, financial investment, and insuring and protecting.

WHEN?

The program will begin with the in-person seminar at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in downtown St. Louis June 6-10, 2022.

Online learning will take place through the following academic year, September 2022 through May 2023, with a culminating event in May 2023.

WHO?

Any certified teacher who is interested in teaching personal finance. We will select 20 applicants for participation in the first program cohort.

COSTS

For Missouri and Illinois residents graduate credit is \$522 per hour. There may be scholarships available.

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