

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Instructional Leaders
High School Administrators
Career and Technical Education Directors
Personnel Administrators
School Counselors

FROM: Kayce Cook, Interim Director
Office of Career and Technical Education

DATE: February 25, 2025

RE: Personal Finance Teacher Training Opportunity

The SC Personal Finance Symposium website and registration are now live!

In partnership with SC Economics, the Office of Career and Technical Education is offering a multi-day professional learning experience to credential teachers for the 0.5-unit Personal Finance course (5141)—a requirement for graduation. Participants will gain essential financial education strategies, take the W!SE Financial Literacy Educator Certification, and access hands-on training and instructional resources tailored to high school classrooms.

Event Details

- Dates: June 10-11, 2025
- Location: Darla Moore School of Business, 1014 Greene Street, Columbia, SC
- Registration Fee: \$250 (includes training, certification prep, exam, and meals; lodging **not** included)
- Capacity: Limited to 80 teachers
- Deadline: May 23, 2025 (No on-site registration)

To register for the Symposium: [Registration link](#). To make hotel reservations: [Hotels link](#). The Symposium is limited to 80 teachers, and the deadline to register online is Friday, May 23, 2025. **On-site registration will not be accepted.**

Key Benefits

- Certification: Earn W!SE Financial Literacy Educator Certification by submitting test results and a professional development certificate.

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- Training: 12 hours of hands-on learning, classroom-ready resources, and best practices.
- Comprehensive Curriculum: Includes seven core financial literacy concepts -
- Managing Personal Finance
- Understanding Insurance and Risk
- Utilizing Banking Services
- Managing Credit
- Financing Education and Training
- Understanding Taxes
- Building Financial Security

Bonus Opportunity

- NextGen Personal Finance (NGPF) FinCamp (June 12, 2025) at the Close Hipp Building, USC Campus – an optional, no-cost professional development session. More information will be provided at [SCPF Symposium](#).

Instructional Materials & Certification Information

Participants will receive instructional resources from vendors, including EverFi, NextGen Personal Finance, and Dave Ramsey. To find specific details about the Symposium, including hotels and registration, click on the information link on the website at [Personal Finance Symposium](#).

Teacher Certification Reminders

Teachers with the following certifications do not require additional preparation:

Certification Code	Certification Field
4H	Business and Marketing Education
35	Family and Consumer Science
4B	Business/Marketing/Computer Technology*
44	Accounting and Related Business*
48	Accounting and Related Economics*
47	Business Education*
40	Commerce/Office Occupations*
46	Data/Information Processing*
32	Distributive Education*

Teachers with the following certifications require approved training:

Certification Code	Certification Field
23	Economics
10	Mathematics
GLC	Grade-level Certification

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(The designation GLC refers to any certification fields that are appropriate for the grade level; the plus sign denotes that approved training in addition to the certification field is required.)

For questions regarding the Symposium, contact Dr. Eleanor Glover, eglover@ed.sc.gov, or Sarah Ostergard, sarah.ostergaard@moore.sc.edu.

For related teacher certification questions, contact Sherry Schneider (SSchneider@ed.sc.gov or 803-896-0384). CTE educators and applicants may contact our office by sending an email to CTECertification@ed.sc.gov, or submit requests through their user accounts in [My SC Educator Portal](#).