

2011 Institutes

A total of 16 institutes took place in 2011 including two semester-long economics institutes (VCU and GMU) and a four-day residential program in Charlottesville with the Foundation for Teaching Economics (FTE.) 350 teachers were served at no charge to them, bringing the total number of teachers served to 600 since 2010.

“Without the VCEE program, I’m not sure training on economics and personal finance would have been available to my teachers.”

Eric Powell, K-12 Social Studies Coordinator, Stafford County

Economics Institutes

188 teachers attended the 42-hour course in the following locations conducted by VCEE affiliated university-based centers for economic education.

Charlottesville	Foundation for Teaching Economics and VCU
Fairfax	George Mason University
Fredericksburg	George Mason University and University of Mary Washington
Frederick County	Virginia Tech
Newport News	Christopher Newport University and Old Dominion University
Prince William County	George Mason University
Richmond (Spring and Summer)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Roanoke	VA Tech and Lynchburg College
Virginia Beach	Old Dominion University and Christopher Newport University

Instructors provided content knowledge as well as many curriculum resources to use in the classroom. The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond also assisted with materials and some presentations regarding the role of the Fed and monetary policy.

“Economic illiteracy is a huge problem in the U.S. This course not only educated me about economics, but will enable me to better educate my students about economic concepts and issues.”

Cindy Boggs, Lord Botetourt High School, Botetourt County

Personal Finance Institutes

162 teachers attended the 40-hour institutes provided in the following locations.:

Abingdon	Virginia Tech
Danville	Lynchburg College
Fairfax	George Mason University
Harrisonburg	James Madison University
Richmond	Virginia Commonwealth University
Suffolk	Old Dominion University

In addition to the classroom resources and methodology provided, teachers heard from experts from:

- VA Bankers Association
- VA Society of CPAs
- Bureau of Insurance
- Financial Planning Association
- Office of Consumer Affairs, VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Over 98% of the teachers earned the wise personal finance certification provided again this year as pre- and post-test.

“Attending the [institute] was worth every minute of my time! . . . The speakers were knowledgeable, interesting, and sometimes entertaining! The notebook crammed full of materials was so valuable; the activities were fun and educational; and the [instructor] is a great presenter . . . Thanks for offering this workshop!”

Susan Johnson, Varina High School, Henrico County

www.TeachingMoneyVA.org

Working in collaboration with the VA Bankers Association, VA Department of Education, Capital One, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, VA Credit Union, Credit Union League and others, VCEE designed and implemented a new Web site. It will be a clearinghouse for teachers and others to share classroom resources found most useful in teaching high school economics and personal finance.

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We sincerely appreciate the efforts of all to help ensure the successful implementation of Virginia’s high school economics and personal finance graduation requirement.

Plans for 2012 are underway . . .

- Through Virginia’s Superintendent of Public Instruction, VCEE is surveying all school superintendents to assess the number and location of institutes needed over the next three years.
- We are also assessing whether we can provide some institutes online.
- 2012 Summer institutes will be announced in January 2012.
- We anticipate having served over 1,000 teachers by the end of 2012.