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Description

Are you prepared? Tough economics times are no longer something we read or hear about—they are here! And as a direct consequence, many are finding it increasingly difficult to meet financial obligations. Present day living demands that we roll up our sleeves and become more involved with how we spend and save our money and even more so become familiar with viable options available for investments.

Who should invest? Why should I invest? Where should I invest? How do I structure my investments? How do I prepare myself for retirement? With the current financial crisis threatening jobs, careers, homes, retirement and our future, securing the answers to these questions is a vital key for long-term financial success. This high-impact seminar will explore and discuss four essential components of building a successful investment plan.

Target Audience

This non-credit course targets an audience that wishes to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to effectively participate in the world of investments and seek guidance as to where to begin. Whether you are planning for retirement, looking to buy a new home, seeking to resolve credit card debt, or starting a college fund for your children, this seminar will be beneficial.

Main Topics Covered

- Basics of Investing
- Getting Started in Investing
- Types of Investing
- Basic Investment Concepts and Strategies
- Investment Tips.

Course Schedule

**Friday, April 24, 2009**
6:30 pm Registration
7:00—9:00 pm Course

**Saturday, April 25, 2009**
8:00 am—12:00 pm Course
12:00—1:00 pm Lunch Break
1:00—4:00 pm Course.

How to Register

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