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UMaine Hutchinson Center to offer workshop on critical thinking



Belfast, Maine – In partnership with the Maine Business School at the University of Maine, the UMaine Hutchinson Center is offering an introductory workshop in a new professional development program, Improving Personal, Business and Organizational Effectiveness through Critical Thinking, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

The workshop is particularly pertinent for nonprofit leaders, business leaders, educators, municipal officials, and others interested in critical thinking and how to improve their personal and business effectiveness.

Presenter Terry Porter is a UMaine associate professor emerita of management from the Maine Business School. She received a Ph.D. degree from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts, where her research focused on strategic change and corporate environmentalism. Porter also holds an M.A. in clinical psychology, and has practiced in the areas of mental health and performance psychology.

Participants will learn to recognize and question assumptions, frame and solve problems more effectively, enhance decision-making skills and improve conflict resolution capability.

The program fee is \$150 per person, and includes a continental breakfast and catered lunch. Need-based scholarships are available. Certificates for seven contact hours will be awarded at the end of the workshop. Applications for continuing education units (.7) will be available.

For more information, to request an accommodation or scholarship application, contact Michelle Patten, 207.338.8002; michelle.patten@maine.edu.

The Hutchinson Center, an outreach center of the University of Maine, is committed to offering high-quality professional development programs to the greater midcoast Maine community to enhance the development of the Maine workforce.

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