**The purpose** of the Berry College Center for Economic Education is to provide K-12 teachers of economics with a support network and access to professional training and curriculum materials.

**Mission Statement**

To prepare students of northwest Georgia for their future roles as:

- Competent decision makers by teaching basic economic concepts.
- Knowledgeable consumers, savers, and investors through personal decision-making skills.
- Productive members of the workforce through school-to-career education.
- Responsible citizens through understanding economic issues.
- Effective participants with an international perspective of the global economy.

**Instructional Materials**

The Center for Economic Education provides teaching materials for grades K-12, including lesson plans, instructional units, simulations, videos, case studies and technology. These materials are funded by the Georgia Council on Economic Education and are available to teachers upon request. Some programs do require special training or attendance at a center workshop before materials will be distributed.

**Technical Assistance**

Alignment of curriculum, assessment and instruction is fundamental to addressing student learning. Whether revising district curriculum to implement state and national standards or aligning curriculum with assessments such as CRCT or NAEP, the Center for Economic Education makes available print documents and expertise in instructional design.
The Center for Economic Education is located on the Berry College campus in Room 256 of the Cook Building, a state-of-the-art facility with multimedia classrooms, comfortable meeting and common areas, and a computer lab.

Berry College, located just outside the city of Rome on U.S. 27 in Northwest Georgia, is midway between Atlanta and Chattanooga. Noted for its strong academic programs and a campus setting of unmatched beauty, Berry is considered one of the finest comprehensive colleges in the Southeast.

Affiliated with the college’s Charter School of Education and Human Sciences and the Georgia Council on Economic Education, the center makes available a vast array of information and resources. Berry’s Center for Economic Education provides instructional materials, professional development and technical assistance to area teachers.

Professional Development

One and two-day topical workshops, professional development courses (some for PLU credit) and graduate courses are offered. The workshops, courses and materials are targeted for specific grade levels and are offered through the Charter School of Education and Human Sciences in conjunction with the Georgia Council on Economic Education. Area school administrators may arrange special topic workshops and courses.

Professional development offered by the center programs promote:

- Increasing teachers’ economics knowledge
- Using and developing sound instructional materials, case studies and simulations
- Developing effective teaching strategies to enhance student learning
- Encouraging implementation of best practices in economics education.

Registration and course schedules can be found at www.berry.edu/academics/education/cee.

Summer Residential Institutes

Each summer the Charter School of Education and Human Sciences partners with the Georgia Council on Economic Education to offer teachers a multi-day economics institute on the Berry College campus. The institutes immerse teachers in specially designed academic and experiential programs. The programs provide stimulating and relevant economics experiences that provide teachers with opportunities to develop greater understanding of economic issues. Past institutes have included International and Global Economies, the Math Behind Economics, and AP Economics. Content is presented by speakers representing state agencies and economics affiliations, economics teachers of the year, fieldtrips to targeted sites and technology integration.