# VESTERN PIEDMON COMMUNITY COLLEGE **Small Business Center** New Business Development Series

## **Certificate Program**

\*Must complete 4 of 5

## CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR THE BUSINESS OWNER

### COST: FREE

Running a successful business is all about people - those you work with, those you hire, and those you cater to. In this 2 hour seminar, you will learn how to develop regular customers, co-workers, and employees into lifelong fans. You will also learn tools that will assist you in marketing, promoting, and sustaining your business. We will determine ways that you can take your business to the next level by increasing your customer service skills.

> July 18, 2013 Thursday

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Room HEC-131

## MARKETING YOUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### COST: FREE

You came up with a great idea of a product or service -- excellent! Now you need to figure out if there will be demand for it at all, who will demand it, and to persuade your customers to buy your product. Most successful companies do not have the best product, they have the best marketing! 6:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday Room HEC-131

July 23, 2013

## **SMALL BUSINESS OPERATIONS—LEGAL STRUCTURE & HUMAN RESOURCES**

### COST: FREE

In this seminar attendees will identify key human resource concerns, accompanying laws, and essential supervisory skills required as part of an effective set of human resource policies. Determining the best legal structure for a business is important because of the varying legal and tax implications. In this seminar attendees will also examine the legal structures to determine the one most appropriate to their needs, including Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporation, S Corporation, and Limited Liability Company.

> July 25, 2013 6:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday Room HEC-131

## **BOOKKEEPING BASICS & TAXES**

### COST: FREE

Keeping good financial records is a critical step in managing a successful enterprise. This workshop addresses the financial resources needed for good business management. Participants will learn how to develop systems and practices for collecting necessary information for tax reporting and business decision-making. 6:00pm - 9:00pm July 30, 2013 Room HEC-131 Tuesday

UNDERSTANDING CASH FLOW AND FINANCIALS

#### COST: FREE

This class introduces breakeven analysis as a tool to assist the entrepreneur in measuring financial feasibility. Exercises will identify the kinds of data needed to project the revenue, start-up, and operating costs of your business. This class will help you develop an understanding of cash flow and break even analysis and its relationship to business planning. August 1, 2013 Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Room HEC-131

These WPCC Small Business Center seminars take place in the Foothills Higher Education Center located at 2128 S. Sterling Street. Pre-registration is required. You may register online at https://www.ncsbc.net/center.aspx?center=75560

Please contact Eddie McGimsey at WPCC at (828) 448-6719 or emcgimsey@wpcc.edu for more information.





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