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# Course will help human resource professionals prepare for certification exam

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Like accountants who take the CPA exam, experienced human resource practitioners can increase their career options by passing the Professional Human Resources (PHR) or Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) exam.

Earning this nationally recognized professional certification requires a combination of hard study, good test-taking skills, and two or more years of on-the-job experience.

Georgia Southern University will help human resource personnel prepare for the exam by offering the 'Certificate in Professional Human Resource Management' short course in Savannah this spring.

The non-credit class will run on 12 consecutive Monday evenings from Feb. 5 through April 23. Each session will meet from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center.

The course is run in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest association devoted to human resource management, with more than 200,000 members. Offered nation-wide, the SHRM Learning System course helps learners consistently beat the national PHR and SPHR exam pass rates.

Course participants must attend a mandatory one-hour orientation session at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22 or Jan. 29. SHRM Learning System course materials will be distributed during the orientation sessions.

The course fee of \$925 per person includes the SHRM Learning System manuals and CD ROM, instructor handouts, and 36 hours of classroom instruction. Individuals who are members of the national SHRM organization or a local professional SHRM chapter may register for \$875 per person.

Since it is designed for managers and staff with experience in general management or human resource management, participants are not required to take the PHR or SPHR certification exam after the course.

To register, call the Georgia Southern Continuing Education Center at (912) 681-5551. For more information about any of the University's professional development programs, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted> or contact program manager J. Marie Lutz, SPHR, at [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu) or (912) 871-1763.