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February conference will focus on cross-cultural and diversity issues in counseling and education

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What do a middle school teacher, a college professor, a licensed professional counselor, a social worker, a minister and a graduate student have in common?

The answer is no joke: they all deal with cross-cultural and diversity issues on a daily basis.

These people and their students, clients and congregations are the reason that the Southeastern Conference on Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education will take place for the sixth consecutive year.

The conference will include two full-day sessions at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10.

Among the many topics to be addressed are how 'acting white' has hindered success for minorities and at-risk youth; how to counsel Middle Eastern and Jewish Americans without misjudgment; and how therapists can become culturally competent.

The Colleges of Education at Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Augusta State University, Albany State University and the University of Georgia are co-sponsors of the conference along with the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia, Child and Family Guidance of Georgia, and the Savannah-based Recovery Place Inc.

The \$225 registration fee includes two days of instruction, conference materials, and continuing education credits for social workers, teachers and counselors. Meals and refreshment breaks are also included in the fee.

A group rate of \$180 each is offered for four or more people from the same school or organization. College students may attend the entire conference for \$115 with a student-status letter from a professor.

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