

Small Business Center to host Entrepreneur Development Certification

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CARROLLTON, GA - The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the University of West Georgia will host its Entrepreneur Development Certification Program (EDCP) beginning January 30.

The program, sponsored by United Community Bank, features a series of six classes covering relevant topics for small business owners or individuals interested in starting a new business. The EDCP series can be taken separately for \$49 for each class or as one series of six classes for \$199.

Topics include "Small Business Marketing Strategies," "Legal Issues of the Small Business" and "Writing an Effective Business Plan."

The EDCP series will be held in Newnan, Carrollton and Douglasville.

Classes in Newnan will be held at the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce on Tuesdays, from 6 – 8:30 p.m., beginning January 30.

Classes in Carrollton will be held at the Burson Center on Tuesdays, from 6 – 8:30 p.m., beginning May 22.

Classes in Douglasville will be held at the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce on Tuesdays, from 6 – 8:30 p.m., beginning September 18.

"We have a great variety of classes that we have put together to cover major concerns that have been expressed from entrepreneurs in the local communities," said Jennifer Clendenin, Director of the SBDC. "One class we have added is our Expertise from Entrepreneurs class which is the final class of the series where local, successful entrepreneurs from the area will be on hand to share their stories and answer questions."

The SBDC is located in the Richards College of Business on the University of West Georgia campus and offers free, confidential consulting services for new and existing small businesses in Carroll, Douglas, Haralson, Heard and Coweta counties.

For a complete description of the classes offered in the EDCP and to register, go to www.georgiasbdc.org/ce/carrollton. Registration for EDCP series continues until each class begins. For more information, call the SBDC at 678-839-5082.