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Workshop for Educators to Highlight Business Training Needs

Teachers in southwestern Idaho can learn about local businesses and what they look for in employees during a Business Educator Exchange workshop this July.

The two-day workshop, organized by the Idaho Department of Labor, runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 29 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 30 at Northwest Nazarene University's Thomas Science Center, 603 E. Dewey Ave. in Nampa.

With a \$60 fee, participating teachers can earn a professional development credit from the university. For the credit EDBU52301 - Exploring the Business-Education Exchange - teachers should register online at <https://pdlearn.nnu.edu/modules/shop/index.html?action=section&OfferingID=735&SectionID=5798>.

Teachers not seeking credit can participate without charge.

In either case registration for the workshop can be made by emailing Labor Department workforce consultant Ofelia Morales at Ofelia.Morales@labor.idaho.gov or contacting her by phone at (208) 364-7781 ext. 3954.

"Improving the transition from school to work is a critical issue in Idaho and across the nation," Morales said. "This workshop is one step toward making connections between educators and businesses to help develop an understanding of business needs and to develop practical ways in which educators can better help students prepare to enter the workplace and succeed."

Teachers will spend the first day visiting businesses in southwestern Idaho and the second learning about training and educational opportunities for students and resources available to educators.

Those with disabilities who need a reasonable accommodation to participate can also contact Morales by email or by phone at (208)364-7781 ext. 3954. To access the Idaho Relay Service for the deaf and hard of hearing, dial 711.

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