Overview

This course provides students with an introductory look at the discipline of finance and its context within the business environment. Students gain the knowledge to differentiate between personal and business finance and how they may overlap in a business environment. Students also gain a fundamental knowledge of financial forecasting and budgeting, statement analysis, and decision making. This course provides the student a business generalist overview of the field of finance and builds on previous acquired competencies related to using spreadsheets.

Competencies

- **Financial Environment**
  The graduate identifies the systems, structure, roles, and impact of finance in the business environment.

- **Fundamental Financial Principles**
  The graduate utilizes interest rates, time value of money, and risk and return principles to inform financial business decisions.

- **Financial Statement Analysis**
  The graduate uses financial statements to determine the health of a business organization.

- **Financial Forecasting and Budgeting**
  The graduate identifies how financial forecasting and budgeting helps individuals and organizations plan for future financial needs.

- **Financial Decision Making**
  The graduate utilizes the appropriate financial tools and techniques to inform limited financial investment decisions.

Learning

**Getting Started**

Welcome to Finance Skills for Managers! In this course you will experience an overview of finance, including the financial environment and fundamental principles, and similarities and differences between personal and business finance. You will learn about budgeting, forecasting, and investment, and how financial considerations and processes are used in decision-making. You will have the opportunity to practice concepts through the use of spreadsheet functions. Materials for this course are delivered within the MyEducator learning platform. Use the study tools provided there to succeed, and leverage the expertise of your course instructors for any questions.
Your competency will be demonstrated by the successful completion of an objective assessment and Excel application.