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Professional development offered via Food Science and Human Nutrition foundations courses

The University of Illinois Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition is offering individuals without formal food science degrees the opportunity to explore essential food science concepts and learn common vernacular of food scientists. The Foundations of Food Science will include three short courses offered in Spring 2011. The topics will include Food Chemistry and Composition, Food Microbiology and Safety, and Nutrition for Health and Wellness. All three courses will be taught at an introductory level and will meet three to four times each.

"This is a great opportunity for professionals who work in the food industry to learn more about the field in which they work," said Faye Dong, Head of the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department. "As a Department, we are responding to the food industry's desire for non-food scientists to have a structured program in which to gain the knowledge about the foundation of our industry."

The courses are scheduled at the following dates and times.

FSHN 199 – Elementary Food Chemistry and Composition

Mondays, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14; 6 – 9pm

FSHN 199 – Elementary Food Microbiology and Safety

Mondays, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 7 and March 14; 6 – 9pm

FSHN 199 – Elementary Nutrition for Health and Wellness

Mondays, April 4, 11, and 18; 6 – 9pm

Each course will consist of 9-10 hours of live online synchronous course instruction via Elluminate technology. This will allow course participants to access the session at any location with an internet connection. "The live online sessions allow participants at any location to benefit from these courses," Dong said.

Students may choose to enroll in a single course or all three. They will receive a certificate upon the completion of the courses. Enrollment in each course is limited to 35 participants.

More information about the Food Science and Human Nutrition Foundations Courses, including enrollment instructions, is available at www.fshn.illinois.edu/foundations. Interested individuals may also contact Dr. Dawn Bohn, Director of Off-campus Programs in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, at 217-333-0881 or dbrehart@illinois.edu.

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