



Financial and Economic
Knowledge for Life

Personal Finance Spring Bootcamp

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My Teaching Context

Who do I teach? 

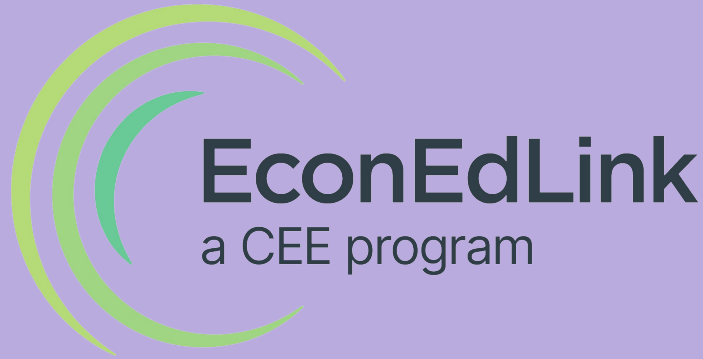
What do I teach them? 

How do I teach them? 



EconEdLink

EconEdLink has fantastic lesson plans with assessments that are ready to use in class today!



Goals of this session

Teachers Sharing

Come together to share best resources and practices for implementation

Simulations!

Sharing and demoing simulations and how I use activities in my PF class

Teacher Time

Time to get into the simulations and activities so you can spend less prep time later



Best Practices for Simulations



Demo First

Anticipating student issues or frustrations & try to clear them up first. Reminding them they can be hard!



Emphasize the Learning

Hype your simulations, but make sure students know WHY they are doing the sim



Assessment Plan

How will you assess? A reflection, share out, game screenshot?



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*Budgeting,
Income,
Spending
Simulations*

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Simulation

Topic

Best Practice

[Tax Calculator](#)

Filing taxes

Simple tax filing simulator from H&R Block

[The Budget Game](#)

Budgeting

From Money Sense, a no frills but still fun game about budgeting.

[Budget Buster](#)

Budgeting,
Decision Making

You get to budget for your dog! Includes a focus on spending as you find the better deals between competing coupons/discounts.

[Shoppportunity Cost](#)

Spending

More dog-based learning. This type figure out what your dog can afford to spend on a night out! Focuses on the opportunity cost of spending decisions.

[Spent](#)

Spending,
Income

You're down to your last \$\$ and need to make it through the rest of the month with limited income. Make it a competition to see who can get to 30 days. Who can do it with the most money? The least?

[Lights, Camera,
Action](#)

Budgeting,
Decision Making

Combines a fun and clean hollywood based budgeting activity with personal finance questions along the way.

[NGPF Online Bank
Simulator](#)

Spending,
Saving

Takes students through the online banking process, including spending money. [[Assessment](#)]

[Money Magic](#)

Budgeting,
Saving

Budget, spend, and then save money earned from your magic act!



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5 Minute Break

*Budgeting,
Income,
Spending
Activities*

Activities (non-simulations)

- Zero-Based Budgeting: Students assign every dollar a job and reflect on their decision making.
- Rate My Finances: Yes, they rate my own finances and report back on what's going well, and where/how I need to improve in a class presentation
- Savings Challenges: Students review articles on impulse buying, TikTok, and/or inflation and explain how the articles illustrate why saving is especially hard today.
- Behavioral Economics: After reviewing how behavioral economics affects our spending habits with these slides, students find examples of their own.
- Behavioral Econ Illustrated: Students visualize vocabulary and draw one of the terms
- Uber Game: (shh I included a game in the activities section! You deserve it.) Make decisions with your income while you're driving for Uber. [Assessment]

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