

Administrative Bulletin

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NYSTRS Announces Summer 2024 Schedule of PREP Seminars

Many retirees tell us they wish they began focusing on financial and retirement planning much earlier in their lives. To help active members avoid that pitfall, NYSTRS offers a proactive approach to prepare for retirement: the Pension & Retirement Education Program (PREP).

NYSTRS is pleased to issue the Summer 2024 schedule of seminars, which is available on the Retirement Planning/Pension & Retirement Education Program page at nystrs.org and on the ensuing page of this Administrative Bulletin.

The PREP seminar educates members of all ages and career stages on the value of careful financial and retirement planning. The seminar further helps them understand their NYSTRS benefits and how their future pension fits into their overall retirement picture. This information is a key piece of the plan that helps members achieve their retirement goals and dreams.

The half-day seminars, which are free and held throughout the state, cover the following topics: NYSTRS benefits, financial planning, Social Security, estate planning, and the retirement process.

Spots fill up quickly! Please share this information with NYSTRS members at your district as soon as possible so those who would like to attend a seminar can register now. We kindly request that you forward this Bulletin, and print the schedule found on the ensuing page and post in your district's staff lounges and common areas. Instructions for making reservations, which are accepted in the order in which they are received, are included on our website and the schedule found on the ensuing page of this Bulletin.

PREP seminars are not intended for individual benefits counseling. Members interested in a benefit consultation should visit the <u>Retirement Planning/Benefits Consultations</u> page of our website to learn how to schedule a personal consultation.

Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word about these important NYSTRS programs!



Pension & Retirement Education Program (PREP)

Many retirees wish they began focusing on financial and retirement planning much earlier in their lives. Don't let that happen to you! No matter how far along you are in your career, careful financial and retirement planning are critical. That's why our Pension & Retirement Education Program (PREP) seminar is so valuable. The seminar will help you understand your NYSTRS benefits while also providing essential retirement-planning tips, which will help you develop a plan to achieve your retirement goals.

Seminars are held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Topics include: NYSTRS benefits, financial planning, Social Security, estate planning and the retirement process. Seminars are free and your spouse/companion may attend but you must make reservations in advance.

Summer 2024 Schedule of PREP Seminars

Make your reservation via your online MyNYSTRS account at nystrs.org or by calling 800-348-7298, ext. 6180 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Seminars fill quickly, so book early!

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July 24 (Wednesday) August 20 (Tuesday)

Hilton Garden Inn Albany Airport 800 Albany Shaker Road Albany, NY 12211

CLAYTON

July 10 (Wednesday)

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel 200 Riverside Drive Clayton, NY 13624

LAKE PLACID

July 11 (Thursday)

High Peaks Resort 2384 Saranac Avenue Lake Placid, NY 12946

L.I. - RIVERHEAD

July 23 (Tuesday)

Hotel Indigo – East End 1830 West Main Street, Route 25 Riverhead, NY 11901

SYRACUSE

July 30 (Tuesday) August 21 (Wednesday)

Hilton Garden Inn Syracuse 6004 Fair Lakes Road East Syracuse, NY 13057

BINGHAMTON

July 31 (Wednesday)

DoubleTree by Hilton Binghamton 225 Water Street Binghamton, NY 13901

ELMIRA

July 31 (Wednesday)

Clarion Inn Elmira-Horseheads 760 East Water Street Elmira, NY 14901

MOUNT KISCO

July 11 (Thursday) July 25 (Thursday)

Hotel MTK 1 Pat Reilly Way Mount Kisco, NY 10549

ROCHESTER

July 17 (Wednesday) August 8 (Thursday)

RIT Inn & Conference Center 5257 West Henrietta Road Rochester, NY 14467

BUFFALO

July 16 (Tuesday) August 7 (Wednesday)

Buffalo Airport Hotel 4600 Genesee Street Cheektowaga, NY 14225

FISHKILL

August 1 (Thursday)

Hyatt House Fishkill/Poughkeepsie 100 Westage Business Ctr Drive Fishkill. NY 12524

L.I. - PLAINVIEW

July 10 (Wednesday) July 24 (Wednesday) August 14 (Wednesday)

Holiday Inn Plainview – Long Island 215 Sunnyside Blvd Plainview, NY 11803

L.I. - STONY BROOK

July 9 (Tuesday) August 13 (Tuesday)

Hilton Garden Inn Stony Brook 1 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11794



Helpful Tips:

- When calling to make a reservation, have the following information at hand: your EmpIID or Social Security number, email address, and phone number (and the same information for your spouse/companion if they are a NYSTRS member and will attend with you).
- Bring your latest annual Benefit Profile with you to the seminar. (You may print it from MyNYSTRS.)
- If you make a reservation but cannot attend, please call the number above to cancel (or cancel via MyNYSTRS) so we can offer your spot to another member.
- PREP seminars do not include individual retirement counseling. Visit the Retirement Planning/ Benefits Consultations page at nystrs.org to learn how to schedule a consultation.