

OPERS Retirement Education Events – September 30th, 2016

How to Select a Retirement Plan – 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Starting your career

This one-hour presentation educates you on how to select the OPERS retirement plan that helps you achieve your retirement goals. This is an important decision that will impact your financial future. As a new OPERS member you have 180 days from your start date to select one of the three OPERS retirement plans: **Traditional Pension, Member-Directed** or **Combined Plan**.

All three retirement plans have different features, so it's important you select the plan that best meets your needs and retirement goals.

Topics include:

- Overview of plans
- How your pension is calculated
- Choosing your investments
- Comparison of plan features and benefits
- Retirement eligibility
- Tools to help you select your plan
- How to select your plan

Education Today for Retirement Tomorrow – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Throughout your career

This one-hour presentation is for OPERS members in the **Traditional Pension Plan** who are more than five years from retirement (Groups B and C). This presentation provides information and resources so you can take an active role in preparing for your retirement and make retirement decisions throughout your career.

Topics include:

- Earning and purchasing service credit
- Disability and survivor benefits
- Retirement eligibility
- Early retirement reduced benefits
- OPERS health care - general information
- Educational tools and resources
- Social Security

Ready to Retire Pension and Health Care – 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

As you approach retirement

This two hour presentations is for OPERS members in the **Traditional Pension Plan** who are who are within five years of retirement eligibility (Groups A and B). During these presentations you will learn about the retirement application process and the tools and resources available to help you with your retirement decisions. You will also learn about important changes to Ohio retirement law and OPERS health care that may impact your retirement benefits.

Topics include:

- Age and service eligibility for retirement and health care
- How retirement benefits are calculated
- A timeline for your transition to retirement

- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
- OPERS health care
- The 2016 OPERS Medicare Connector
- Social Security

To register, go to myOhio.gov, click on Career Resources and select All Learning in the MyLearning ELM drop-down menu. **Select *Search ELM Catalog*** from the left side of the screen and search using keyword OPERS.

