

Educational Offerings

For Active Members



Traditional Pension Plan members can choose to attend in-person seminars, participate in interactive webinars and view online recorded presentations – each tailored to meet their specific needs throughout their career. We also offer online recorded presentations specifically for Combined and Member-Directed plan participants.

New Hires

How to Select Your OPERS Retirement Plan

Learn about the OPERS retirement plans and who we are as a retirement system.

For Members Early or Midway Through Their Career

Understanding the Value of Your OPERS Retirement

Learn the value of your contributions toward a secure retirement and the benefit of working longer.

For Members One to Five Years from Retirement

Planning for Retirement

Learn how to earn service credit, the difference between a reduced and unreduced pension, the importance of supplemental savings, and becoming eligible for access to the OPERS Health Care Program.

For Members Within 12 Months of Retirement

Ready to Retire Under 65 and Ready to Retire 65 and Older

Pension - Learn about important retirement decisions and the retirement application process.

Health Care - Learn about the OPERS Health Care Program, the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) and selecting an individual Pre-Medicare or Medicare plan at retirement.



For All Members at Any Stage of Their Career

Funding Pension and Health Care

Learn about the financial status of the OPERS Pension and Health Care Funds and the challenges of the retirement system.

Our Two Financial Wellness presentations explain how making sound financial decisions can lead to a more secure retirement.

1. Bridging the Gap to Retirement

Identify the “gap” between your income and your needs in retirement and how you can begin closing that gap today.

2. Health Care: The Hidden Cost in Retirement

Learn about the rising health care costs and be better prepared for retirement.



How to Register for an Educational Offering

Members!

At opers.org, you can register for webinars and view in-person seminar offerings by visiting the Member Education Center. Registration for in-person seminars is done through your online account.

Members at any stage of their career can choose to schedule a personal appointment with a counselor to review their questions and receive guidance with a form, application, or process. You also have the option to speak to a representative in our Member Service Center by calling 1-800-222-7377 or use the Message Center in your online account to send a question and receive a response within 24 hours.



Phone Counseling is perfect for those who just have a few questions or need some clarification.



Virtual Counseling is conducted via Zoom and offers a face-to-face appointment without the need to travel. During a virtual appointment, screen sharing allows our counselors to navigate our website, assist with online forms, assist with the retirement application, and much more. The experience is just like being in-person.



In-house Counseling is conducted at OPERS only and provides for a face-to-face appointment. This option is for those who appreciate in-person support or are technologically limited as virtual counseling does require a working camera and monitor.

Employers!

Our educators can bring any of our seminars or webinars directly to you.

At opers.org, navigate to the Employers drop down menu and click on Employer Tools to find and complete the *Educational Information Request Form*.

On the request form, you can choose to:

- have an OPERS educator provide an in-person presentation at your site
- schedule a webinar for your employees
- have an OPERS educator attend an employee benefit fair

You can schedule an individual counseling appointment through your online account at opers.org.

