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The GSQC/NNEAE is delighted to open registration for our **2016 Examiner Training Program**. Open to those living or working in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont, this training is part of GSQC/NNEAE's Baldrige-based Awards and Recognition Program, but can be taken independently as a way to improve your organization or enhance your career.

Described as "...one of the best experiences that one can have in professional life." and a "mini-MBA", our annual Examiner Training program teaches how to use the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence to evaluate an organization's processes and results to determine the strengths that are contributing to Mission and Goal achievement and the gaps that are preventing this achievement. It combines case study work and group learning to build a deep foundation for evaluating, building, and leading successful organizations. In addition, completion of Examiner Training qualifies participants to serve as Award Examiners in Northern New England or other states throughout the country.

**Details:** We are delighted to be able to pilot a new Examiner Training curriculum in 2016. It features short, online, recorded modules that can be done at your convenience and that build towards a one day, face-to-face session in November. This final day reinforces learning from the modules using discussion and small group exercises. The online modules will be available starting in mid-September and be supported by live webinars, feedback and facilitator support. These modules have assignments that will build on each other using a written case study and the Baldrige Excellence Framework including the Criteria for Performance Excellence. The Framework and Criteria define our national standard for Organizational Performance Excellence and are the basis for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

**Schedule:** The program starts in mid-September when the online modules are available. Online webinars and other facilitated support will be determined based on participant availability. The online portion of the curriculum (including assignments) will take approximately 30-40 hours to complete. The final face-to-face training day will occur in early to mid-November (note that there may be more than one of these days scheduled based on participant need and location as well as site availability). For 2016, all participants, regardless of previous Examiner experience are required to complete the entire program as it contains new materials, concepts, and tools.

**Cost:** (much less than an MBA course!)

- \$195 for participants who commit to the full examiner process, including the potential to evaluate an award application in New Hampshire, Vermont, or one of our other partner states.
- \$675 for those who want the training without further commitment to the awards evaluation.

**Questions:** For more information or questions contact GSQC/NNEAE Executive Director Anne Warner ([anne@gsqc.com](mailto:anne@gsqc.com)). If you would like to participate, but the schedule is an issue, please contact us to see if alternative arrangements can be made.

**To Register:** Contact [anne@gsqc.com](mailto:anne@gsqc.com) to discuss registration options and available discounts.

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