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Class Description
Finding the right employees to fit an organization’s needs is a challenging task. This course examines concepts essential for effective staff recruitment, selection, and retention. Students also examine the diverse ways organizations view employees, and what organizational practices are effective to retain quality staff.

Topics include:
- Recruitment techniques; Job descriptions; Assessment, including interviewing, testing, and background investigations; Legal requirements; Employee orientation; Outplacement of staffing needs; Staffing accountability; Retention strategies; Diversity in the workplace.

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