



National Housing Training Institute 2009 Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

*Greetings from the
Department of Resident
Life at the University
of Maryland!*

The Planning Committee is busy preparing for your arrival. Needless to say, we are very excited to welcome you to the 19th Annual National Housing Training Institute. Hats off to the Division of Housing at the University of Florida for building NHTI into one of the profession's most prestigious professional development opportunities. We are proud to continue the NHTI tradition here at Maryland.

The Institute utilizes the competency model and curriculum based upon the research of Dr. Diane Porter. As we continue to research the subject of competency-based models, we are convinced that we have a very unique program to offer to housing professionals. Your continued input as the nineteenth class will contribute to the growth and development of future Institutes.

We look forward to seeing you in June!



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INSTITUTE OVERVIEW

The National Housing Training Institute has been structured to provide for continuous interaction between you and the faculty. When you arrive, you will receive a detailed schedule for the Institute. However, we would like to take this opportunity to give you a few details that might assist you in your planning.

The Institute will begin on Tuesday, June 9 with a cluster meeting at 3:30 pm followed by dinner at 5:00 pm. The opening session on the competency model, presented by Joanne Goldwater, will occur after dinner. You will have an opportunity to meet with your assigned cluster group after the opening session in preparation for the next day.

Wednesday through Saturday, a light continental breakfast will be available at 8:00 am. Continental breakfasts, lunches, and dinners are included in your Institute fees. Sessions will begin at 8:30 am and continue throughout the day and evening. Some faculty may require evening "group homework" in preparation for the next day's session. Please realize that the NHTI schedule is rigorous.

Since your free time will be limited, we suggest that you do any sightseeing before or after the Institute. There is some time each day for recreation, so please bring tennis equipment, running shoes, a bathing suit, or any other leisure equipment. Also, as our guest, you are entitled to use the campus recreational facilities for a nominal fee. We have a great indoor/outdoor pool!

On Friday, June 12, you will have the best opportunity to take advantage of College Park's proximity to D.C., since the last session ends at 2:45 pm. We will provide round trip van transportation to and from the College Park Metro Station, where you may purchase a fare card for the train (at your own expense). Of course, this trip is entirely optional. Dinner on Friday is at your own expense. Committee members can recommend several nearby restaurants in College Park should you decide not to travel into D.C.

Finally, we suggest that you come prepared with a few different layers of clothing (all classroom sessions, meal locations, and housing accommodations will be air conditioned). While Maryland temperatures can reach upwards of 90 degrees (plus humidity!) during June, you might want to bring a sweatshirt in case you find the air conditioning too cold. The NHTI dress code is very casual; however, business attire is recommended for the final banquet. Our coed cluster groups are assigned together in suites with their faculty member but have separate bedrooms. Please bring clothes or an outer garment that will allow you to move about your suite comfortably.

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NHTI Accommodations

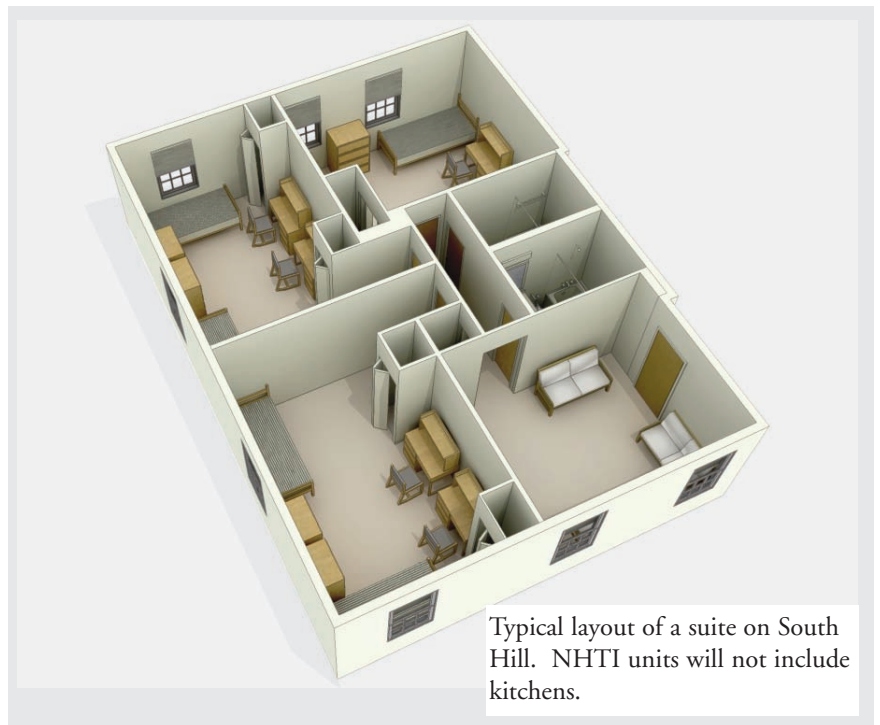
Washington Hall

All NHTI participants will be residing in suites in Washington Hall. Washington Hall houses 113 students during the academic year and is part of the South Hill Community which houses 1590 upper division students.

Suite Features

Each suite is air conditioned. Bedrooms come furnished with a bed, mattress, desk, chair and dresser. Common areas have a sofa and side chair(s) and a television. Suites being occupied by NHTI participants are similar to the floor plan shown, although, please note that suites at Maryland do not include kitchens. Each bedroom has a telephone, cable and data jack. NHTI participants will have a phone in each bedroom, however, you will need a calling card for long distance calls. Each suite has two bathrooms. Additional linens will be available at the Annapolis Hall Community Center.

We have designated one of our Washington Hall apartments as the NHTI Hospitality Center. Each participant will have a key to this apartment for their cluster. The apartment has a full kitchen for your use. Refreshments will be provided in the Hospitality Center for Institute participants.



Typical layout of a suite on South Hill. NHTI units will not include kitchens.

Community Center

The Annapolis Community Center includes a 24 hour service desk, vending machines, a meeting room, as well as the Resident Life offices. The service desk can provide residents with spare keys, general campus information, and can assist you in accessing on call Resident Life staff. Laundry facilities are nearby in Harford Hall. The NHTI classroom will be on the ground floor in Annapolis Hall.

NHTI at Maryland FAQs



Q: When you say that dress is casual, what does that mean?

A: Shorts, T-shirts, jeans, tennis shoes, sandals -very casual and comfortable. The closing banquet is a little more formal than the rest of NHTI (dresses, pantsuits, slacks, tie, suit, etc.). Don't forget to pack your "dress shoes," too!

Q: Do I need to bring sheets or towels?

A: You will receive our standard conference pack of sheets and towels in your room. Extra linens will be available at the Annapolis Hall Service Desk, if you'd like additional sheets or towels during your stay. Our conference towels may not be as large and fluffy as your towels at home; feel free to bring a towel if you'd like!

Q: Who will be picking me up from the airport?

A: A member of the NHTI staff will pick you up. He/She will meet you after you have collected your belongings from the baggage claim. Our representative will be holding a sign for NHTI and will meet you near the baggage claim at the Lower Level Information Booth, also known as the Ground Transportation Information Table.

Q: Will there be any free time?

A: You will have some free time on Friday afternoon and evening to visit the campus bookstore, golf, swim, play tennis, etc. The University will provide transportation to and from the College Park Metro Center for those of you interested in traveling into the District of Columbia. Dinner will be "on your own" on Friday night.

Q: What will the weather be like?

A: In a word...HOT! In June the temperature is likely to be in the 90s outside, and mid 60s inside. You'll probably want to bring a sweatshirt, sweater or jacket for the classroom and possibly for your suite- our air conditioning works very well! You may want to bring a rain jacket and/or umbrella, also.

Q: Is there anything special I need to bring?

A: In the past, some participants have brought paraphernalia (key chains, buttons, etc.) from their home institution to share with either their cluster (4) or all other participants (40). Some other things you might want to bring include: an alarm clock; a camera; sunscreen; a bathing suit and beach towel if you plan to go to the pool on Friday; a back pack or briefcase in which to carry a very large notebook; spending money; a sweatshirt/sweater/jacket; rain gear; business cards; and lots of sleep prior to arriving! We will provide an iron in the hospitality suite.



Delayed While Traveling?

Should you need to reach us while traveling, call the Annapolis Service Desk, 301.314.ANNA. The desk staff will relay this information to our transportation team.