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**SUBJECT: FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND READING RESEARCH TO CLASSROOM PRACTICE
BLENDED COURSE OFFERING FORMAT**

The Exceptional Children Division is pleased to announce the schedule for upcoming blended course offerings for Foundations of Mathematics (FoM) and Reading Research to Classroom Practice (RRtCP) which include a mixture of self-paced Canvas coursework and live content. The live component of the courses will be delivered virtually. Only the Exceptional Children Division (ECD) Program Improvement and Professional Development (PIPD) state consultants are authorized to offer these courses in this blended virtual format at this time.

This blended format was designed and then delivered for vetting in November and December of 2020. The feedback from participants and stakeholders was very positive. PIPD used the feedback to strengthen the virtual delivery and are now prepared to offer the courses in this blended format to those interested in participating.

The 40-hour format includes synchronous and asynchronous instruction through Canvas. The content and expectations for the courses remain the same as that in the traditional face-to-face method. Course requirements are sequential and must be completed in order. Note that participant expectations are clearly communicated in writing prior to registration and that participants not completing the stated requirements by listed due dates will be dropped from the course. A schedule is provided for participants to plan accordingly. Attempts to avoid scheduling conflicts with the EOG/EOC testing dates were not successful due to the various schedules and testing windows throughout the state. Make-up sessions will not be offered.

Out-of-state licensure candidates are permitted to attend this format of the course and will need to submit the letter received from the NC DPI Licensure section during pre-registration.

Seats for these courses are limited and we are anticipating a high volume of interest. Pre-registration does not guarantee enrollment. Participants will be notified of their acceptance after the registration window closes.

Please share this memo with any educator who may be interested in attending. This linked [Participant Information](#) document provides detailed information about expectations, schedules, and pre-registration for the events.

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