



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Addressing Unique Mealtime Needs within a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

Meeting a student's unique mealtime needs is a complex process often requiring specialized interprofessional evaluation, intervention, and progress monitoring. Students who require support for mealtime participation have needs that vary in type, resources required, intensity, and duration. The N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) and N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) are pleased to announce in-person professional learning opportunities this spring for **Addressing Unique Mealtime Needs within a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)**. Dates and locations are listed below. Using MTSS as an organizing framework, this full-day course will equip school leaders in establishing and sustaining individualized programming while adhering to multiple requirements under USDA, IDEA, Section 504, state law, and local policies. The session will investigate best practices, relevant statute and policies, and existing state and local resources for supporting students with unique mealtime participation needs and provide teams with planning time. Participants only need to attend one session.

- **April 17, 2023***, 9 am - 4 pm, Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown, Asheville
*Cancelled due to low registration. We are exploring other options for the West.
- **April 26, 2023**, 9 am - 4 pm, Jarrell Lecture Hall, Jackson Library, UNC Greensboro, Greensboro
- **May 5, 2023**, 9 am - 4 pm, New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern

Interprofessional teams are encouraged to attend and will be given priority during registration. Only ONE representative from each discipline per public school unit (LEA/Charter) should register to attend. School teams addressing mealtime needs include:

- School Nutrition Administrators
- School/District Administrators (e.g. 504 Coordinators, School Principals, Exceptional Children Directors)
- School Nurses
- Occupational Therapy Practitioners
- Speech Language Pathologists
- Exceptional Children/General Education Teachers
- Other related service providers/educators

[Register here.](#) Please contact your discipline's state/regional consultant with any questions.

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