

NCDPI Sponsors Online Test Item Writing/Reviewing Training Modules

Effective April 22, 2008, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) Division of Accountability Services/Test Development Section transitioned from using a centralized, face-to-face paper-driven item writing/reviewing training model to an online model for training, writing, and reviewing test items. With the availability of new technologies, North Carolina educators and other stakeholders can be trained to write and review test items from their home. This professional development opportunity serves as an informative training activity that permits educators to gain heightened assessment literacy skills that focus on the development of multiple-choice test items (constructed-response item-development training is scheduled to be included at a later time). Expanding the assessment skills of educators/stakeholders will enhance the quality of assessment initiatives at the local level. In addition, the online training, application, and screening will expand opportunities for North Carolina educators to participate in the development of North Carolina tests. Certificates of completion are awarded to participants who successfully complete the training modules.

Upon successful completion of the online test item writing/reviewing training modules, educators/stakeholders may submit an online application requesting to be considered as an item writer or reviewer for the North Carolina Testing Program. As in the past, contracts will be awarded to individuals based on program needs, successful completion of the appropriate training modules, and the fulfillment of other specified eligibility criteria.

North Carolina educators/stakeholders who are interested in participating in this item writing/review training opportunity can access the training modules at:

<https://cuacs8.mck.ncsu.edu/moodle/intro.php>

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