



Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for July 2025

“Examinations are formidable even to the best prepared, for the greatest fool may ask more than the wisest man can answer.”

— *Charles Caleb Colton*



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Conference Highlights & Important Updates

Show Your School Spirit!

Tuesday is School Spirit Day at the conference — we encourage everyone to wear their school shirts or colors and represent your institution with pride!

Conference Meals Update

We've expanded meal offerings to keep you fueled throughout the event:

Additional Meals Added:

- *Tuesday Lunch* and *Friday Breakfast* have been added to the schedule!
- Breakfast & Lunch are now available Tuesday through Thursday.

First-Time/Long-Time Attendee Session Reception:

- Pizza Logs with Marinara Sauce
- Buffalo Chicken Wing Dip with Tortilla Chips
- Bison French Onion Dip with Kettle Chips
- Celery & Carrots
- Freshly Baked Cookies & Fruit

Daily Breakfast Menu:

- Cheddar Herb Scrambled Eggs
- Applewood Smoked Bacon
- Turkey Sausage
- Apple-Filled Pancakes
- Crispy Breakfast Potatoes

Daily Lunch Menus:**Tuesday**

- Greek Salad with Warm Pita Bread
- Yellow Rice
- Lemon Oregano Grilled Chicken & Beef Strips
- Cold Toppings: Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onion, Kalamata Olives, Roasted Peppers, Feta Cheese, Hummus & Tzatziki

Wednesday

- House Salad & Rolls
- Green Beans with Roasted Tomatoes, Caramelized Onions & Carrots
- Garlic Buttered Yukon Gold & Red Potatoes
- Herb Roasted Chicken
- Braised Pot Roast with Gravy
- Assorted Cakes, Pies & Cream Puffs

Thursday

- Tuscan Salad & Breadsticks
- Baked Cavatappi Pasta with Mozzarella
- Homestyle Meatballs with Marinara
- Garlic Basil Grilled Chicken with Tomato-Parmesan Sauce
- Rosemary-Garlic Seasoned Vegetable Medley
- Chocolate Cake & Cannoli

Exhibit Hall Snacks

Enjoy drinks and snacks on Tuesday & Wednesday while visiting our exhibitors!

Thursday Vendor Break:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly Trail Mix
- Apples & Nuts
- Monster Mix & Drinks

Tuesday Night Dinner Groups

Looking to connect with others? The Membership Engagement Division is organizing dinner groups Tuesday evening. Sign-ups are available at the registration desk.

Wednesday Night — Buffalo RiverWorks Social

Join your fellow attendees for an evening at Buffalo RiverWorks on the scenic Buffalo River!

- Come ready to play, dine, or relax — the venue offers zip lining, kayaking, cornhole, fire pits, and more.
- Transportation, dinner, and activities are on your own.
- Even if you don't participate in the activities, it's a great chance to connect and enjoy the riverfront atmosphere.

Conference Registration

Opens Tuesday at 3:00 PM in the Buffalo Convention Center, Marquee Level Lobby.

Connect with Special Interest Groups (SIGs) at the NCTA Conference

The SIG leaders will be hosting two engaging sessions during the conference, covering key topics such as Test Center Management, Universal Access, Online Learning, and Emergency Preparedness.

Mark your calendars:

- **SIG Breakfast Meeting** – Wednesday, July 9 at 8:30 AM
- **SIG Coffee Meet-Up** – Thursday, July 10 at 11:00 AM

These are great opportunities to connect with colleagues, share ideas, and get involved with the SIG community!

Get your NCTA Swag During the Conference!

The [NCTA Swag Store](#) will be OPEN during the conference, from July 7-11. This will be your last chance this year to get NCTA merchandise!

We will have sample items on display at the registration booth at the conference, but the store will be open to all members during this week.

All orders ship directly to you. Don't forget to share the store link with your colleagues and fellow testing staff — let's represent NCTA together! You will receive an email reminder with the store link on July 7.



Thank You to Our Sponsors & Exhibitors!

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We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the generous sponsors and exhibitors who help make the NCTA 2025 Conference possible. Their support ensures we can bring you quality programming, resources, and networking opportunities that strengthen our testing community.

Be sure to visit the **Exhibit Hall** during the conference to connect with our exhibitors, explore innovative products, and learn about the latest services available to support your test center operations.

You can view the full list of our sponsors and exhibitors on the [NCTA Conference Website](#).

Let's show our appreciation and support for the organizations that invest in the work we do!

If you have items to contribute to *Quick Bites* that are of benefit to all members of the NCTA organization, please share them with the Administration division chairs: Jan Gonzalez at jan.gonzalez@pnw.edu and Alan Dixon-Hurd at a.hurd@csus.edu.

Connect With Us:

NCTA Proctor Certification



The next window for Proctor Certification is:

October 6-31, 2025

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2025

Accommodation Request Deadline: August 22, 2025

[Register](#) for the October 6-31 Proctor Certification Window

[Learn more](#) about Proctor Certification.

Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers



Congratulations to our newly certified and recertified test centers! Your hard work is applauded!

Initial

- State Technical College of Missouri

Recertification

- University of Central Oklahoma
- University of Texas Arlington
- Athens State University
- Grand Rapids Community College

Investing in Innovation: 2025-2026 Grant Recipients Announced

The NCTA Grants Committee is proud to announce the recipients of the **2025–2026 NCTA Professional Development Grant: Duke University and Binghamton University!** Binghamton University and Duke University have been awarded funding for their outstanding proposals to enhance professional testing and assessment practices.

- **Duke University** will host a one-day statewide conference to support academic testing staff in better serving neurodivergent students. The event will bring together professionals from 18 institutions across North Carolina to share evidence-based practices and build a collaborative network, with insights shared nationally through NCTA.
- **Binghamton University** will expand its STAMP conference into a two-day professional development event for SUNY institutions, fostering innovation, collaboration, and improved student support across the system.

These projects reflect NCTA's ongoing commitment to innovation, and the mission to advance excellence in testing through collaboration and professional growth.

Congratulations to both institutions, and we're excited to see the impact of your work!



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