

What are people saying about NEDARC workshops?

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"I had no idea how to plan for data collection. This workshop **provided excellent information** and gives me confidence going forward."



How do I register for NEDARC workshops?

All NEDARC workshop registrations are done on-line via the NEDARC website. To view the current NEDARC workshops and to register, go to the website below:

www.nedarc.org/nedarc/workshopsTutorials/upcomingWorkshops.jsp

Why does NEDARC host workshops?

NEDARC hosts **3-4 national workshops** each grant year to provide concentrated technical assistance and specialized training to the grantees. They are developed based on various topics of need or interest (e.g., quality improvement or how to analyze your performance measure data). The workshops are designed to train you in **skills & techniques** that will be of value to your work in EMSC.

How would a NEDARC workshop benefit me?

The topics chosen by NEDARC are developed from **current grant requirements** and **from input and suggestions** made by the EMSC grantees; this makes the topics timely and extremely beneficial to the daily activities of EMSC grantees. Past workshops have included such topics as using Microsoft Excel® to clean and analyze data, understanding the power of disseminating data to the right audiences, writing your EMSC State Partnership grant, and implementing quality improvement models.

NEDARC staff utilize **adult learning principals** and always include interactive projects/activities to stimulate the learning and retention process. Attendee input and sharing of experiences also enhances workshops and promotes best practices.

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Do I have to attend a NEDARC workshop?

As part of your EMSC grant award, each grantee is **required to attend at least one** NEDARC workshop each year of the grant.

Do the workshops cost anything?

There is **no registration fee** to attend a NEDARC workshop. NEDARC also provides refreshments and light food at the workshops. Your travel to a workshop and hotel costs should be paid for by the funds budgeted for workshops in your State Partnership grant.

How long do the workshops last?

Typically a NEDARC workshop is **1.5 to 2.5 days long**. The workshops occur Tuesday thru Thursday/Friday or Wednesday thru Friday ending at noon on the last day.

How do I get approval to attend a NEDARC workshop?

Getting travel approval may be different for each grantee, so you should consult with your immediate supervisor. In many states, the process of obtaining travel approval **can take some time**, so you will want to submit your request at the earliest opportunity. If you have **any problems** with getting state permission or travel approval to attend one of NEDARC's workshops, contact your state representative at NEDARC or the NRC.

What topics are currently being offered for 2010?

For the 2010 calendar year, NEDARC is offering **5 workshops**. To see a description of each of the workshops, refer to the NEDARC workshop flyers. A brief list of the 2010 workshops are as follows:



Improving EMSC Performance Measure Survey Response Rates

Chicago, IL; March 30-31, 2010



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Portland, OR; April 20-21, 2010

Creating Tables and Charts for Presentations and Reports

New Orleans; July 13-15, 2010

Scientific Grant Writing

Chicago, IL; August 25-27, 2010

Analyzing Your State's EMSC Performance Measure Data

Tampa, FL; September 28-29, 2010

Topics for the 2011 year have not yet been determined. NEDARC **will be requesting feedback** from grantees about potential 2011 workshop topics later this year. Please feel free to submit ideas for workshop topics and locations at anytime to Andrea Genovesi, NEDARC Education Coordinator, at andrea.genovesi@hsc.utah.edu.



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