



2025 North Carolina ProStart Leadership Training Agenda

Friday, October 3

[Piedmont Natural Gas Technology & Design Center](#)

9:00–10:00 AM — Registration & Light Breakfast

10:00–10:15 AM — Welcome & Orientation (Duke Energy Innovation Lab – All)

10:15–11:00 AM — Breakout Block 1:

- **Video Conference Room** *New Educator Orientation*
- **Duke Energy Innovation Lab** *Culinary Session TBD*
- **Piedmont Innovation Lab** *Knife Skills by Chef Leah Schuler, Zwilling*

11:00–11:15 AM — Break

11:15 AM–12:00 PM — Breakout Block 2:

- **Video Conference Room** *NCPI Management Competition Deep Dive*
- **Duke Energy Innovation Lab** *Culinary Session TBD*
- **Piedmont Innovation Lab** *Knife Skills by Chef Leah Schuler, Zwilling*

12:00–1:00 PM — Lunch

1:00–1:45 PM — Piedmont Natural Gas Technology & Design Center Facility Tour

1:45–2:00 PM — Break

2:00–2:45 PM — Breakout Block 3

- **Video Conference Room** *Nutritional Cooking with Chef Leah Schuler, Zwilling*
- **Duke Energy Innovation Lab** *Culinary Session TBD*
- **Piedmont Innovation Lab** *Culinary Session TBD*

2:45–3:00 PM — Day 1 Wrap-Up Duke Energy Innovation Lab – All

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5:30–7:00 PM

7:00–9:00 PM — Educator Celebration (7:00 PM) Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte—Tryon Room

Saturday, October 4

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8:00–8:30 AM — Coffee & Check-In—Tryon Room

8:30–8:45 AM — Morning Kickoff (All)

8:45–10:00 AM — *Certificate of Achievement, chooserestaurants.org, and other online resources*

10:00–10:15 AM — Break (Hotel guest check out)

10:15–11:30 AM — *TASTE the Difference: a Practical Approach to Maximizing Student Engagement in Culinary Arts*

11:30 AM–12:30 PM — Lunch

12:30–1:15 PM — *Competition overview and best practices*

1:15–2:00 PM — *Open Questions/Conversations and Closing*