



North Central Region New Administrator's Bootcamp 2026 July 28-30, 2026, Bay City, MI

This training opportunity is focused on administrative management, including recruiting, and retaining talent, other personnel management, fiscal management, effective advocacy, cultivating external partnerships, and caring for the health and well-being of yourself and others. We also assign "Wild Card" sessions during the event to address additional topics that are identified on-site by participants. Our 2026 Boot Camp Cohort includes North Central Region (NCR) 1862 and 1890 university Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) and Cooperative Extension Service (CES) administrators, and unit leaders (department heads/chairs, institute directors, assistant deans). This program is considered essential for those who aspire to move into an Associate or Dean level position.

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Welcome

- **Welcome by NCEA and NCRA Chairs**
- **Welcome and overview of NCR Bootcamp** by co-Chairs
- Lisa Kaslon (UNL) will provide opening remarks on the **importance of self-care and management** and how it will be tied throughout this training.

Session I: Management and Leadership

Session II: Foundations for Effective Management – BASED ON REVIEW of EQI Surveys

Wednesday, July 29th, 2026 8:15 am to 5:00 pm

Session III: Personal (self) Management – The importance of balance in work and life.

Session IV: Fiscal Management

Lunch

Session V: Personnel Engagement and Management

Session VI: WILD CARD / PARKING LOT SESSION

Thursday, July 30th, 2026 8:15 am to 3:30 pm

Session VII: LGU Ecosystem: Partners, Priorities, and Federal Investment

Session VIII: External Partnerships and Relations

Session IX: Being Proactive - Things You Can Do

Session X: Advocacy

Adjourn (by 3:30pm CT)