NC State Laboratory of Public Health’s mission:

To provide certain medical and environmental laboratory services (testing, consultation, and training) to public and private provider organizations responsible for the promotion, protection and assurance of health of North Carolina citizens.

Bioterrorism and Emerging Pathogen Unit’s mission:

To maintain laboratory capacity for the detection of biological weapons and emerging infectious diseases and to act in a manner that strengthens crisis response within the Division of Public Health.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
This intermediate-level program will focus on practical methods clinical laboratorians can use to recognize agents of bioterrorism. Laboratory presentations and demonstrations will instruct the participants to recognize cultures, staining and biochemical characteristics of these agents. The safety implications of handling suspected organisms in clinical isolates and cultures and toxins will be emphasized. Procedures for referring suspect cases will be explained.

REGISTRATION
Registration fee is $50. Registration must be received two weeks prior to the workshop with payment due no later than seven (7) days prior to the workshop. Seating is limited. Registration includes workshop materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunch and speaker handouts.

Registration must be made online at the following link: https://ncpha.memberclicks.net/state-lab-bioterrorism-workshops

Select ‘Register Here for the BT Preparedness Workshop.’

Applicants will have an option to pay by credit card and check. If payment by check, applicants should use the option to print an invoice, attach to the check and mail payment to the NC Public Health Association.

Confirmation will be issued when registration is complete and payment has been received.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
Continuing education contact hours will be awarded to all participants who successfully complete this program. The North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science P.A.C.E® Program.

SPECIAL NEEDS
In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations should notify the Bioterrorism and Emerging Pathogens (BTEP) unit at least two weeks prior to the workshop by calling 919-807-8765.

Lecture and Laboratory Demonstrations
- North Carolina Emergency Response Update
- Biosecurity/Biosafety
- Chemical Terrorism
- Bacillus anthracis
- Burkholderia mallei, Burkholderia pseudomallei
- Yersinia pestis
- Brucella spp.
- Francisella tularensis

Contact the BTEP unit at 919-807-8765 for additional information.