

Nutrition Assessment Questions and Tools Updated

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Updated versions of the [Nutrition Assessment Tools](#) have been posted to the website. The Brief Questions and Probes, Complete Question Format, Mid Certification Assessment Questions, and Training Tools for Nutrition Assessment have all been updated. Changes include:

- Reformatted to tables for easy use while in clinic.
- Reworded some questions to be open-ended rather than closed.
- Added Participant Centered Conversation starter question to set the stage for the assessment and provide an opportunity for the participant to bring up topics for discussion.
- Added food security questions to assess for food security and need for referrals.
- Added breastfeeding probing questions to the infant complete questionnaire to enhance assessment. These additional probing questions may be particularly helpful for newer CPAs to improve their skills in assessing breastfeeding. Additional probing questions assess:
 - Feeding patterns
 - Hunger and satiety cues
 - Comfort while breastfeeding
 - Support for breastfeeding
 - Breastfeeding goals
 - Breastfeeding and offering formula
- Updated anthropometric questions for pregnant and postpartum participants to make them more weight inclusive, allowing staff to focus on health and well-being during the assessment without emphasizing weight. These questions ask about the participant's feelings around changes to their body during and after pregnancy rather than asking about their thoughts on their weight. Visit the [WIC Weight Inclusive Approach](#) webpage for more information about weight inclusivity.

Melissa Nelson will be discussing these updated tools during the June 21 webinar "Improving the Health of WIC Participants through the Nutrition Assessment: Enhancing Nutrition Assessment Skills." Register today to make sure you don't miss it! [Improving the Health of WIC Participants through the Nutrition Assessment: Enhancing Nutrition Assessment Skills](#)

Agencies can begin using the updated tools now. We encourage WIC coordinators to review the changes with staff using the Training Tools. The nutrition assessment questions will be changed in the Information System following WINNIE roll out.

Reference – Complete Listing of Hyperlinks

Nutrition Assessment Tools

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/training/na.html#NaN>)

WIC Weight Inclusive Approach

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/wtinclusive.html>)

Improving the Health of WIC Participants through the Nutrition Assessment: Enhancing Nutrition Assessment Skills (<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/efe103b5-467a-44fe-bc21-1a82c63517cb@eb14b046-24c4-4519-8f26-b89c2159828c>)

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