



NCLEX[®] 2015 CONFERENCE

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN[®]) is pleased to present its annual NCLEX[®] Conference; a one-day educational conference that provides current NCLEX program updates offered by the experts that develop and administer the NCLEX. The 2015 NCLEX Conference will also provide the opportunity to ask questions about the NCLEX program.

Register online today at www.ncsbn.org/current.

An application for contact hours has been submitted; session times and topics are subject to change. To receive contact hours, the full conference must be attended; no partial hours will be given.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Registration

Monday, Sept. 21, 2015

7:30 – 8:20 am

Registration | Check-In

Continental Breakfast Buffet

8:30 – 8:45 am

Welcome

8:45 – 10:15 am

NCLEX Overview – Psychometrics and Test Development

The NCLEX is a psychometrically sound, standardized exam developed to measure the minimal competency required to practice safe entry-level nursing. To achieve these objectives, the exam is developed using a multilayered process that includes an evidence-based content outline, item development using nursing content expert volunteers, several reviews and industry-standard examination principles. This session will describe the methods used to achieve the quality examination development, maintenance and measurement the profession of nursing has come to rely on and trust.

10:15 – 10:30 am

What is a Logit?

This session will provide a basic introduction to the logit, a unit of measurement used to report relative differences between candidate ability estimates and item difficulties. The logit scale includes the NCLEX passing standard (or cut point), candidates' abilities (or scores) and item difficulties.

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 – 11:15 am

NCLEX Overview: Administration

The administration of the NCLEX does not just take place on the day of the exam. From preparation for the exam through receiving a result, candidates, boards of nursing and regulatory bodies follow set administrative procedures to ensure the fair and secure delivery of the exam. This session will provide an overview of the administration process, focusing on updates to policy as well as tips to help candidates achieve success in preparing to take the NCLEX.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Q&A

12:00 – 1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 pm

Research on Nursing Decision-Making: A Cognitive Model

As the nursing profession evolves and patient knowledge continues to increase, clinical judgment and decision-making are becoming important aspects of nursing at all practice levels. New nurses are expected to make sound decisions just as their more experienced colleagues. This session will combine nursing research and cognitive psychology theories on decision-making. The speakers will explore the process by which nurses make clinical decisions and the impact these decisions have on nursing practice.

2:15 – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Program Reports and How Education Programs Can Use Them

Program reports are a subscription-based reporting service, providing information specific to graduate candidates' performance on the NCLEX. These reports compare graduates' performance within several content dimensions against other programs both regionally and nationally. This session will provide information on how to interpret these reports and use them in preparing for classes and curricula.

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Sessions A and B will run simultaneously.

A. Practice Analysis Overview

The periodic performance of practice analysis studies assists NCSBN in evaluating the validity of the test plan that guides content distribution of the NCLEX. Because changes can occur in nursing practice, practice analysis studies are conducted on a three-year cycle. This session will provide an overview of the 2014 NCLEX-RN Practice Analysis results, highlighting several noteworthy, entry-level nursing trends.

B. NCLEX Variety Pack

- 3:00 – 3:20 pm
NCLEX Resources: Social Media and NCSBN.org
The more students know about the NCLEX, the calmer they will be when they arrive at their NCLEX appointment. This session will help you discover the NCLEX resources available to you and your students online.
- 3:20 – 3:40 pm
Administration Security
As technology grows and changes, so too does the process for ensuring the security of the NCLEX exam. In this session, we will dive into some of the security measures NCSBN has put in place for the NCLEX, with a specific focus on incidents that occur at the test center and during an exam.
- 3:40 – 4:00 pm
Hot Topic FAQs
Every year, candidates, nursing educators and nursing regulators have a new and interesting set of questions regarding the administration and development of the NCLEX. This session will cover the frequently asked Hot Topics.

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Final Questions and Closing

Informational Booths

Stop by our informational booths! NCSBN and their testing partners Pearson VUE and Mountain Measurement will be on-hand to answer your questions throughout the day.



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MONDAY, SEPT. 21, 2015 | PORTLAND, ORE.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATIONS

Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront
1401 SW Naito Parkway
Portland, OR 97201
Phone: 503.226.7600

Check in time: 4:00 pm | Check out time: 12:00 pm

Reservations

To reserve your hotel room:

1. Call 1.877.901.6632 and reference the NCSBN 2015 NCLEX Conference room block; or
2. Book [online](#).

The cut-off for the room block is Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, or until the block is full.

Room Rate: \$169 Single/Double

Rate is subject to a 14.5% state and local tax (subject to change).

Failure to cancel a hotel reservation 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival may result in being charged one-night's stay.

ATTIRE

Business casual attire is appropriate for all meeting functions. Meeting room temperatures fluctuate; dress in layers to ensure your comfort.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport

Portland International Airport (PDX)

Plan on approximately 20 minutes in travel time from the airport to the hotel depending on arrival time.

Public Transportation

The Max Light Rail Red Line offers transportation from the airport. The nearest station to the hotel is Morrison/SW 3rd. The cost per ride is \$2.50.

Shuttle

Blue Star Transportation offers shuttles from the airport for \$14 one way per person and \$24 round trip per person. Making your reservations online requires a minimum of 24 hours before your flight/pickup times. Call and speak with their specialists at 1.800.247.2272 if you need to make reservations.

Taxi

Taxis may be found outside the baggage claim areas at the airport. The cost of a one-way taxi ride is approximately \$50.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for the 2015 NCLEX[®] Conference is \$275 per person.

The registration fee for NCSBN member boards is \$175 per board representative (NCSBN members are staff or board members of state boards of nursing and associate members).

The registration fee includes continental breakfast, beverage breaks, lunch and meeting materials.

Registration may be paid by credit card or check. If paying for multiple registrations by check, submit an online registration for each attendee. Payment is due Sept. 4, 2015. Make your check payable to NCSBN and write 2015 NCLEX Conference on it.

Send registration confirmation printout with payment to:

NCSBN | Attn: Mary Trucksa
111 E. Wacker Drive, Ste. 2900
Chicago, IL 60601-4277

Online Registration

You must register for the meeting at:

www.ncsbn.org/current

If you do not receive correspondence from NCSBN Meetings within one week of submitting your registration, contact 312.525.3639 or meetingsregistration@ncsbn.org.

The capacity for the conference is 300 attendees and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Online registration will stop once capacity is reached; a wait list will then be started.

CANCELLATIONS

Registration cancellations must be received by Monday, Sept. 4, 2015. No refunds will be provided after this date. Attendees must contact NCSBN Meetings at 312.525.3639 or meetingsregistration@ncsbn.org to cancel.

Attendees are responsible for canceling all flight and hotel arrangements.

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