PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017
3:00 – 6:00 pm
Registration

Monday, Sept. 25, 2017
7:30 – 8:30 am
Registration | Continental Breakfast
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 exam principles. This session will describe the methods used to achieve the quality exam development, maintenance and measurement the nursing profession has come to rely on and trust.
10:15 – 10:30 am
Break
10:30 – 11:15 am
NCLEX Operations: Overview
The NCSBN Examinations Department not only develops the NCLEX, but provides daily operational, security and customer service support for NCLEX candidates, educators, boards of nursing (BONs) and regulatory bodies (RBs). During this session, we will explore the NCLEX registration process, online resources and exam security measures. We will highlight what candidates can expect before, during and after the exam.
11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Q&A Session
12:00 – 1:15 pm
Lunch

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN®) is pleased to present its annual NCLEX® Conference; a one-day, educational conference that provides NCLEX program updates offered by the experts that develop and administer the exam. The 2017 NCLEX Conference will also provide the opportunity to ask questions about the NCLEX program.

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

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.
1:15 – 2:15 pm

Nursing Clinical Judgment and Its Cognitive Processes
As an integral part of the health care team, nurses face many challenges resulting from rapid changes within the health field. As the demand for nurses at all practice levels increases, entry-level nurses are expected to possess sound clinical judgment skills along with their more experienced colleagues. In this session, speakers will discuss NCSBN’s continued research on nursing clinical judgment and the associated measurement framework.

2:15 – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Standard Setting
Standard setting is a process used by testing professionals to determine the passing score on a test. It is an important step in establishing the validity and legal-defensibility of an exam program. The NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® exams re-evaluate their respective passing standards triennially. In this session, NCSBN staff will discuss the steps involved in setting NCLEX passing standards.

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Test Plan for Student Preparation
The NCLEX is developed to assess the minimal competency required to practice safe, effective, entry-level nursing. As each NCLEX item is developed, it is linked directly to the current edition of the NCLEX Test Plan. Nursing programs often inquire how their curriculum correlates to the test plan. In this session, learn how to use the NCLEX Test Plan as a tool to help students prepare for the NCLEX.

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Accommodations
This session will summarize the testing accommodation process, including the roles of candidates, NCSBN, Pearson VUE, BONs and RBs.

3:45 – 4:00 pm

How many nurses does it take to create the NCLEX?
To ensure that the NCLEX accurately reflects entry-level nursing practice across the U.S. and Canada, NCSBN relies heavily on volunteer subject matter experts in developing the exams. From item-writing to regulatory reviews, volunteer nurses contribute to every step of the test development process. This session will highlight the involvement of these nursing volunteers.

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.

Registration must be submitted online at www.ncsbn.org/events by Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.

The capacity for the conference is 350 people. Once that has been reached, a waiting list will be started. If you do not receive correspondence from the NCSBN Meetings department within one week of submitting your registration, contact 312.525.3639 or via email.
MEETING LOCATION and ACCOMMODATIONS

Loews Chicago O’Hare Hotel
5300 N. River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018

Check in time: 4:00 pm | Check out time: 12:00 pm
To reserve your hotel room:
1. Call the hotel 877.868.9134 at and reference the NCLEX Conference room block; or
2. Book online.

The cut-off for the room block is Sept. 1, 2017, or until the block is full, whichever comes first.

Room Rate: $179 Single/Double | Rate is subject to a 14% tax.
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

Airports
O’Hare International Airport (ORD): We strongly recommend that you fly into ORD as the hotel is just a few minutes away with a free shuttle. Plan on approximately 5–10 minutes in travel time from the airport to the hotel depending on arrival time.
Midway International Airport (MDW): Plan on approximately 60–90 minutes in travel time from the airport to the hotel depending on arrival time.

Public Transportation
The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is a fast and convenient way to travel to and from the airport, avoiding traffic. Metra and other regional train and bus information may be obtained by visiting the website for the Chicago Area Regional Transportation Authority.

Shuttle
The Loews Chicago O’Hare Hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from ORD. The shuttle is available from 4:00 am to 1:00 am. For pick up between the hours of 1:00 am and 4:00 am, please call 847.544.5300 to arrange for service. For domestic flights, pick up is at the Bus & Shuttle Center, between Door #1 & #2 (across from the Hilton). Exits to the shuttle center are located by baggage claim. Follow the red Shuttle Center signs. For all International flights, please call 847.544.5300 to arrange for service.

From MDW, Go Airport Express shuttle service is available. A one-way fare is $58. You must make your reservation prior to arriving at the airport.

Taxis
Taxicabs are available on a first come, first served basis from the lower level curb front of all terminals. Shared ride service is available. There are no flat rates because all taxicabs run on meters. Expect to spend approximately $80 to $100 and 60–90 minutes for a taxicab ride from MDW to Rosemont. For wheelchair accessible vehicles, please call United Dispatch at 800.281.4466.

REGISTRATION and FEES

The registration fee for the conference is $300 per person.
The registration fee for NCSBN member boards is $200 per board representative (NCSBN members are staff or board members who serve on a state board of nursing and associate members).
The registration fee includes a 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 by Sept. 11, 2017. If payment is not received by the deadline, your registration will automatically be cancelled. Make your check payable to NCSBN and write 2017 NCLEX Conference on it.
Send registration confirmation print out with payment to:
NCSBN | Attn: Mary Trucksa
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Chicago, IL 60601

CANCELLATIONS

Registration cancellations must be received by Monday, Sept. 11, 2017. No refunds will be provided after this date. Attendees must contact NCSBN Meetings at 312.525.3639 or via email to cancel.
Attendees are responsible for cancelling all flight and hotel arrangements.