

We've Made It Easy to Participate

To apply, simply complete an online application by accessing NCSBN's website at www.ncsbn.org/exam-volunteer-opportunities.htm.

If all qualifications are met, NCSBN will obtain approval from your board of nursing/regulatory body. You will receive notification via email when your application is approved.

Applications remain active for a two-year period from the date of initial submission.

We will notify you when you are considered for a specific panel. Each time you are selected, you will participate in a session that lasts three to five days. Sessions are held throughout the year in Chicago and your travel expenses, including lodging and meals, will be covered.



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The NCLEX® Depends on You...

*Apply to be an Item Writer
or Item Reviewer Today*

NCSBN® and the Item Development Program

The major functions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN®) are to develop the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® examinations, promote uniformity in the regulation of nursing practice, disseminate data related to licensure, conduct research pertinent to its mission and serve as a forum for information exchange for members. The Item Development Program is a key component of these major functions and in maintaining high quality NCLEX® items.

Benefits of Participating on an NCLEX® Panel

NCSBN depends on practicing nurses to assist in the NCLEX item development process. Nurses may be selected to be item writers or item reviewers. If you are selected to serve, you will:

- Contribute to continued excellence in the nursing profession;
- Have opportunities to network on a national and international level;
- Build new skills that are useful in your current position, as well as for professional growth; and
- Earn continuing education contact hours.*

Qualifications to Serve on NCLEX® Panels

To serve on an Item Development Panel, you must:

1. Be currently licensed/registered in the jurisdiction in which you practice and employed in a U.S. NCSBN member board jurisdiction/Canada;
2. Be a registered nurse (RN) for the NCLEX-RN or a licensed practical/vocational nurse (LPN/VN) or RN for the NCLEX-PN;**
3. Be knowledgeable of the current scope and practice of nursing, including entry-level practice;
4. Be employed as an RN or LPN/VN for at least two years; and
5. Have not participated in nursing licensure examination development activities, including the development of nursing licensure exam preparation guides and courses in the previous two years. We ask that subject matter experts (SMEs) with nursing licensure examination development experience not volunteer for NCLEX item development activities during this timeframe to minimize potential biases that these previous experiences may bring to the NCLEX development process.

In addition to the listed qualifications:

ITEM WRITERS

Item writers create the items (questions) that are administered on the NCLEX. You must be responsible for teaching basic/undergraduate students in the **clinical area**. NCLEX-RN item writers must have a master's degree or higher.

ITEM REVIEWERS

Item reviewers examine the items that are created by item writers. You must be currently employed in clinical nursing practice and working directly with nurses who have entered nursing practice during the past 12 months, specifically in a precepting or supervising capacity.



*Applies to U.S. volunteers only

**For those licensed/registered in Canada, participation is for NCLEX-RN only.