

NCSBN Examinations Department Internship Program

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NCSBN is pleased to offer one summer internship for advanced doctoral students in educational measurement or a related field. One intern will be selected for this eight-week internship to participate in research under the guidance of NCSBN psychometric staff. The intern will gain practical experience working on issues related to CAT, and licensure and certification exams.

Program Goal

The goal of this internship is to provide practical experience with operational CAT programs. The intern will work with testing professionals to learn how the NCLEX exams are developed and administered, gain knowledge of CAT subjects, and discuss current measurement topics. In addition, the intern will conduct a research project during eight-week internship. Our interested topics are DIF, dimensionality, FIT index for polytomous items, test security, standard setting for innovative items and CAT research related to innovative item types.

Duration

The 2019 summer internship will last eight weeks, beginning June 3, 2019 and ending July 26, 2019 (Internship time can be adjusted to suit the convenience of the candidate, but requires a prior approval from NCSBN before the internship begins).

Location

The intern will work in the NCSBN offices in downtown Chicago, IL.

Financial Support

This internship awards a stipend of \$7,000 plus relocation expenses and a housing allowance.

Who Should Apply

Graduate students who have completed at least two years of doctoral level coursework in educational measurement or a related field are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have basic knowledge of classical test theory and item response theory. Other desirable qualifications include match of applicant interests and experience with the research topics, familiarity with SAS and WINSTEPS, and experience working with large datasets.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit the attached application form, a statement of interest and experience, curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation, and a writing sample (e.g., conference proceedings and published articles). Applications will be accepted through the provided email address.

Deadline

Applicants should submit their application by February 1, 2019. Applicants will be notified of decisions by February 22, 2019.

Submit application materials to the following address or through email as attachments:

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
Attn: Hong Qian, PhD, Lead Psychometrician
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Applicant Information

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Institution enrolled in _____

Program of Study _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Are you legally eligible to work in the U.S.? Yes No

Interest Statement

Please attach a statement indicating your interest and experience relevant to the summer internship. Include 1) research interests, 2) what you would like to achieve through the internship, and 3) previous experience relevant to the internship (e.g., coursework, knowledge of specialized computer software and languages, research experience).

Signature

Signature _____ Date _____

Please include the following documents in your application package:

- This completed application
- Interest statement
- Curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation
- Writing sample (e.g., conference paper)

Applications must be received by February 1, 2019.

For further information, please contact:

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