

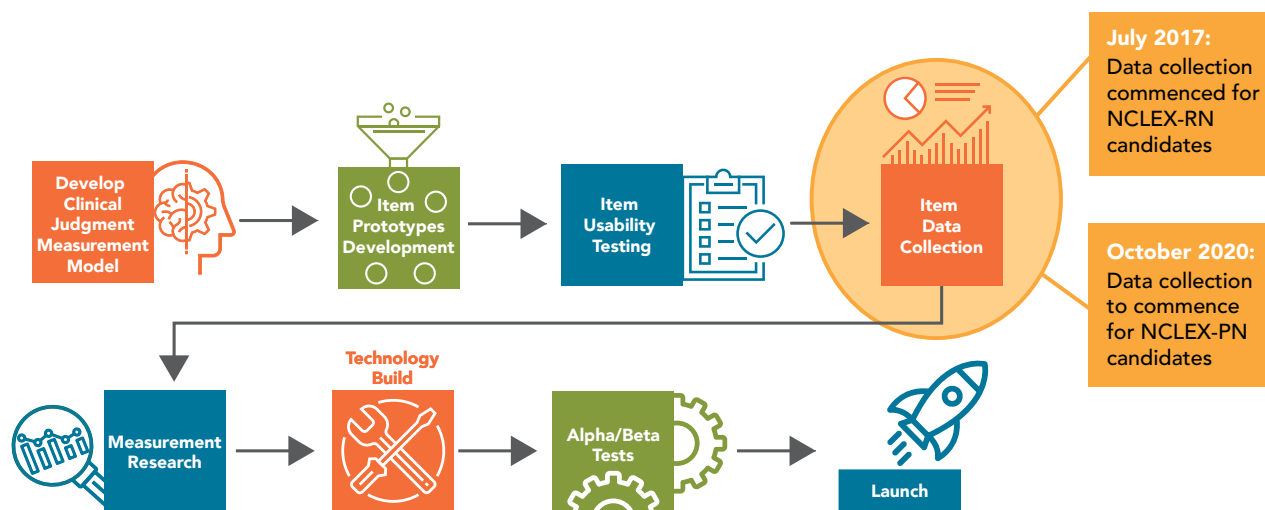
# Next Generation NCLEX® NEWS


## Next Generation NCLEX® for Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses

The Next Generation NCLEX® News is a quarterly publication that provides the latest information about the research being done to assess upcoming changes to the NCLEX Examinations. In this issue, you will find information related to expanding the Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) for licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs).

NCSBN is excited to expand this research to the LPN/VN exam. Beginning in October 2020, NCLEX-PN candidates will be able to participate in the [NGN Special Research Section \(SRS\)](#). The SRS for NCLEX-PN data collection will follow the same process as the SRS for NCLEX-RN data collection. This research will be the basis for the collection of NCLEX-PN SRS item prototypes.

To date, research studies for the new NGN item types have focused on NCLEX-RN candidates. Since July 2017, the NCLEX-RN SRS has been offered as a voluntary and unscored option for the candidate to complete after the scored portion of the NCLEX-RN exam.





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A team, which included nurse subject matter experts (SMEs), psychometricians, nurse test developers, a technology specialist and an editor, developed item prototypes that map to the NCSBN Clinical Judgment Measurement Model (NCJMM). These item prototypes were reviewed using an iterative process. Now, NCLEX-PN candidates will have the opportunity to participate in the SRS for data collection and statistical analysis. Ongoing research has led to the validation of the following five [NGN item prototypes](#) that have been implemented on the NCLEX-RN exam and is expected to be implemented on the NCLEX-PN exam:

- Extended Multiple Response
- Extended Drag and Drop
- Cloze (Drop-down)
- Enhanced Hot Spot (Highlighting)
- Matrix/Grid



### NGN LPN/VN Item Writing Panels Have Begun

In February 2020, NCSBN hosted the first NGN LPN/VN [item writing panel](#). The panel was made up of SMEs with a variety of experiences who also represented each of the four NCSBN geographical regions.

During the panel, NCSBN test development staff provided NCJMM research and education for writing items based on the model. The SMEs, guided by the NCJMM and LPN/VN scope of practice, incorporated their knowledge and expertise to create entry-level clinical scenarios for the SRS launching in October 2020.

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## Participation in a Future NGN LPN/VN Item Writing Panel Needed

NCSBN continues to seek nurse educators who work with LPN/VN entry-level nurses to volunteer by contributing to the research and development of NGN items for NCLEX-PN candidates. The item writing panels are generally a group of six to 10 nursing professionals who are representative of all the U.S. jurisdictions that use the NCLEX-PN for licensure. Additionally, educators each provide a distinct nursing background to ensure a broad range of content related to entry-level nursing. Item writers concentrate on creating items for the specific clinical judgment steps of the NCJMM with the goal of developing item prototypes that effectively measure LPN/VN entry-level nursing clinical judgment and decision-making skills. It is important to note that, due to COVID-19 pandemic, NCSBN is only recruiting for upcoming virtual item writing panels.

### To serve on an NGN LPN/VN item writing panel, you must:

- Be currently licensed/registered in the jurisdiction in which you practice and employed in a U.S. NCSBN member board jurisdiction;
- Be employed as an RN or LPN/VN for at least two years;
- Be an LPN/VN or registered nurse (RN) employed as faculty or staff teaching basic undergraduate nursing content in the clinical area to student LPN/VNs;
- Be knowledgeable of the current, entry-level scope of practice for LPN/VNs; and
- 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 (this does not include volunteer activities with NCSBN).

### Benefits of participation include:

- Earning continuing education contact hours;
- Contributing to continued excellence in the nursing profession;
- Networking with colleagues from around the country; and
- Building new skills that are useful for work and professional growth.

To apply, simply complete an [online application](#) on NCSBN's website.

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