



National Board for Certification of School Nurses

Call for NCSN National School Nurse Volunteers - Earn Credit Toward Recertification

The National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN) is looking for your help! School nurses who have earned national certification (NCSN) status are eligible to volunteer as subject matter experts in a variety of exam development and evaluation activities! In recognition of your time and expertise, you will be awarded 1-5 credits toward recertification.

The 2017 [online application link](#) is open **until March 5, 2017.**

The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABSNC) requires input from subject matter experts (SMEs) in the development of the NBCSN certification exam. SMEs with a variety of clinical practice skills and levels of experience, and who represent a diverse geographic and demographic background are needed to help NBCSN create an appropriate exam.

Practicing school nurses across the country who are NCSNs provide exactly the expertise needed to assure a fair and representative exam. Your contributions as a volunteer for NBCSN help assure that certification represents a national standard of preparation, knowledge, and practice. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to the NCSN exam process.

Volunteer opportunities and time commitment include:

NBCSN Exam Form Review

The purpose of the NBCSN Exam Form Review meeting is to review the questions selected for each of the NBCSN exam forms. Subject matter experts under the guidance of Board Members and an exam psychometrician evaluate the accuracy of answers, identify geographic bias, assure clarity of language, and appropriateness of the items being considered for inclusion on the NBCSN exam. The committee review constitutes the final check on the format of the exam.

Travel Required: None, web conference

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours

Meeting Dates: TBD

NBCSN Exam Item Writing Committee

The purpose of the NBCSN Item, Writing Committee is to develop test questions (items) according to test plan specifications and to validate those items in

standard texts appropriate for NCSN certification. Individuals selected for this committee will receive training and materials on how to write and reference valid and defensible questions.

Travel Required: None, web conference

Time commitment: 2-3 hours training, 2.5 weeks writing process

Meeting Dates: May 2, 2017

NBCSN Item Review

The purpose of the NBCSN Item Review meeting is to review every question (item) used to make up the NBCSN Exam. The goal is to make sure that the exam content remains current and accurate. Item reviewers also research and update references for test questions (items). Individuals selected for NBCSN Item review will receive training on how to review and reference test questions from NBCSN Board Members and an experienced psychometrician.

Travel Required: None, web conference

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours

Meeting Dates: June 7, June 8, June 9, 2017.

NBCSN Problem Item Analysis (PIA) Call

The NBCSN PIA committee meets remotely for about 2 hours to review questions (items) that scored outside of the norm on the most recent NCSN exam. With the guidance of NBCSN Board Members and an experienced psychometrician, committee members analyze questions to determine if changes should be made in how the item is scored. The committee also determines if the item should be eliminated or requires further review and makes recommendations to the Board.

Travel required: None, web conference

Time Commitment: 2 hours.

Meeting Dates: March 23, August 10, December 4, 2017

Re-certification Committee

The Re-Certification committee is responsible for reviewing all re-certification applications that are selected for audit. Using a checklist, the volunteer confirms that all documents required for re-certification have been submitted by the applicant and meet re-certification requirements. Training is provided and Board Members oversee and guide the process. Time requirement is approximately 1-2 hours monthly to review approximately 3 applications (one week turn around). Additionally, there may be committee phone conferences up to 3 times per year, lasting no more than an hour each time. There is a possibility of a face to face meeting at the NASN annual conference for approximately one hour.

Travel Required: No, web conference; possibility of 1 hour meeting at NASN Conference

Time Commitment: 1 year

Meeting Dates: TBD

Thank you for your expertise and ongoing commitment to school nursing.

If you have questions, please refer to the NBCSN website

<http://nbcnsn.org/nbcnsn-volunteers> or contact <mailto:certification@nbcnsn.org>.

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