Central Arkansas Regional Workshop

A regional workshop is being planned for Conway, Arkansas. The workshop will be held July 7–8, 2017 at University of Central Arkansas (UCA). More information will be provided to applicants upon receipt of your application and resume or CV.

As an item writer, you will...

- Work with your colleagues to create the NPTE
- Share your knowledge of the profession
- Gain expertise in the construction of multiple-choice questions
- Learn from your colleagues... and have fun in the process!

Selection criteria

You do NOT need previous item-writing experience. You must be licensed with a minimum of 2 years of experience and in good standing with your state board. Consideration is given to selecting item writers from diverse ethnic backgrounds and practice settings.

Training in item writing

All item writers will be trained in the art of developing test questions by experienced staff and colleagues. The weekend training session prepares item writers to write high-quality, psychometrically sound items that are later reviewed by an independent panel of content experts for possible inclusion in the NPTE item bank.

During the training workshop, you will be assigned to work with an item writer coordinator who is a physical therapy professional with extensive experience in item writing. Your coordinator will be your mentor and will assist you as you continue to produce items for the exam after the workshop.

Expectations

Apart from active participation in the training workshop, an item writer is expected to: write 20 examination questions; dedicate the time and effort necessary to produce high-quality, psychometrically sound items and to apply the concepts presented during the training to the development of each item; agree to uphold the confidentiality of the exam; and have access to a computer and the Internet.