

2023 Virtual NCLEX® Conference

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN®) is pleased to present its annual NCLEX® Conference; a one-day, educational conference that provides NCLEX program updates offered by the experts that develop and administer the exam. The 2023 NCLEX Conference will also provide the opportunity to ask questions about the NCLEX program.

Register [today](#).

An application for contact hours has been submitted; session times and topics are subject to change. To receive contact hours, the full conference must be attended; no partial hours will be given.

Program Schedule

10:00 – 10:10 am
Welcome

10:10 – 10:30 am
NCLEX Overview: Exam Development

The NCLEX is a valid and reliable standardized exam that measures the minimal competency required to practice safe, entry-level nursing. To achieve this, the exam is developed using a multilayered process that includes an evidence-based content outline, item development using nursing content expert volunteers, several reviews, and industry-standard exam principles. This session will describe the methods used to achieve the quality exam development and maintenance the nursing profession has come to rely on and trust.

10:30 – 11:00 am
Sensitivity and Differential Item Functioning (DIF)

NCSBN ensures fairness for different groups taking the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® exams. Candidates with comparable nursing knowledge should perform similarly on exam items regardless of other factors. This session will describe how sensitivity and DIF panel reviews contribute to the fairness and legal defensibility of an exam.

11:00 – 11:10 am
Break

11:10 – 11:20 am
Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) Update

The NGN launched on April 1, 2023, to better measure nursing candidates' clinical judgment and decision making abilities through the use of innovative item types. This session will give an update on the NGN project.

11:20 – 11:40 am
NCLEX Overview: Operations

In addition to developing the NCLEX, NCSBN provides daily operational, security and customer service support. The Consolidated Services and Customer Experience departments provide support for NCLEX candidates, educators and nursing regulatory bodies (NRBs). During this session, we will explore the NCLEX registration process, online resources and exam security measures, highlighting what candidates can expect before, during and after the NCLEX. The session will conclude with a summary of the NCLEX testing accommodation process, including the roles of candidates, NCSBN, Pearson VUE and NRBs.

11:40 am – 12:00 pm
Live Q&A

12:00 – 1:00 pm
Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm
Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) Application to Educational Settings

As the nursing profession evolves to keep pace with the increased demands in care delivery, entry-level nurses are expected to possess sound clinical judgment skills to deliver safe, effective nursing care. In these sessions, speakers will discuss the essential role of clinical judgment in entry-level nursing and its impact on client safety, along with providing exemplary instances of the application of clinical judgment in the educational setting.

2:00 – 2:30 pm
Educator Panel: Q&A

This session will include a panel of speakers to address your pressing questions regarding the practical application of clinical judgment in education.

2:30 – 2:40 pm
Break

2:40 – 3:00 pm
Item Scoring

The NGN will score items using one of three scoring rules: 0/1 scoring rule, +/- scoring rule, or the rationale scoring rule. This session explores each of these three scoring rules by using examples that cover all eligible item types on the NCLEX exam. Additionally, the session will cover general information about using the Partial Credit Model to convert the item scores onto the NCLEX scale.

3:00 – 3:20 pm
Standard Setting

Standard setting is a process used by testing professionals to determine the passing score on a test. It is an important step in establishing the validity and legal defensibility of an exam program. The NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN exams are reevaluated for their respective passing standards triennially. In this session, NCSBN staff will discuss the steps involved in setting NCLEX passing standards, including how to set the passing standard on Next Generation NCLEX items.

3:20 – 3:40 pm
Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT)

The NCLEX is a variable-length computerized adaptive test (CAT). It resorts to modern psychometric theory coupled with the state-of-the-art computer-driven administration to deliver a psychometrically sound, standardized exams for evaluating candidates' performance with the passing standard required to conduct safe, entry-level nursing practice. This session will describe the background and algorithms behind the NGN CAT methodology.

3:40 – 4:00 pm
Final Questions and Closing

Your opportunity to ask any remaining questions about the NCLEX or NGN.