



Become an Item Writer for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)

If you are a practicing physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, apply online today!

Benefits

Item writers support their profession by helping to ensure that candidates taking NPTE examinations receive sound, high-quality questions that reflect a broad range of practice.

Item writers participate in a training workshop that covers item-writing theory, the development of items that test higher-order thinking skills, and specific item-writing techniques.

As a small token of appreciation, the FSBPT provides a \$200 stipend for completion of 20 items written and approved into the item bank.

How to apply

Log onto the FSBPT web site at www.fsbpt.org and complete the application process. On the homepage, click on Volunteers, then [Apply Online](#). In addition to completing the online application, a copy of your resume or CV must be submitted to volunteer@fsbpt.org; please reference the Austin Regional Workshop in the subject line.

Meeting Expenses

FSBPT reimburses mileage to and from the meeting location and will provide breakfast and lunch during the workshop. Regional workshops are budgeted for local participants. Applicants residing greater than 50 miles from the workshop location will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Questions?

If you have questions about becoming an item writer, email us at: volunteer@fsbpt.org.

Austin, TX, Regional Workshop

A regional workshop is being planned for the **Austin, Texas**, area. The workshop will be held **August 1–2, 2020** at **Texas State University-Round Rock campus** in **Round Rock, Texas**. 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.