**NCSBN Examinations Department Internship Program**

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN®) is a not-for-profit organization whose membership comprises the boards of nursing in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories—American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands. There are also 27 associate members. The member boards that comprise NCSBN protect the public by ensuring that safe and competent nursing care is provided by licensed nurses. NCSBN owns and develops the National Council Licensure Examinations (NCLEX®). The NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® examinations are computerized adaptive tests (CAT) that are used as a core component of granting nursing licenses.

NCSBN is pleased to offer one summer internship for advanced doctoral students in educational measurement or a related field. One intern will be selected for this eight-week internship to participate in research under the guidance of NCSBN psychometric staff. The intern will gain practical experience working on issues related to CAT, and licensure and certification exams.

**Program Goal**

The goal of this internship is to provide practical experience with operational CAT programs. The intern will work with testing professionals to learn how the NCLEX exams are developed and administered, gain knowledge of CAT subjects, and discuss current measurement topics. In addition, the intern will conduct a research project directly pertaining to issues encountered in operational CAT programs.

**Duration**

The 2017 summer internship will last eight weeks, beginning June 5, 2017 and ending July 28, 2017 (Internship time can be adjusted to suit the convenience of the candidate, but requires a prior approval from NCSBN before the internship begins).

**Location**

The intern will work in the NCSBN offices in downtown Chicago, IL.

**Financial Support**

This internship awards a stipend of $6,000 plus relocation expenses and a housing allowance.

**Who Should Apply**

Graduate students who have completed at least two years of doctoral level coursework in educational measurement or a related field are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have basic knowledge of classical test theory and item response theory. Other desirable qualifications include familiarity with SAS and WINSTEPS, and experience working with large datasets.

**How to Apply**

Interested candidates should submit the attached application form, a statement of interest and experience, curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation, and a writing sample (e.g., conference proceedings and published articles). Applications will be accepted through the provided email address or mailing address.

**Deadline**

Applicants should submit their application by January 27, 2017. Applicants will be notified of decisions by February 17, 2017.

**Submit application materials to the following address or through email as attachments:**

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Attn: Hong Qian, PhD, Psychometrician

Examinations Department

c/o Internship Application

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**Applicant Information**

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Are you legally eligible to work in the U.S.? 🞏 Yes 🞏 No

**Interest Statement**

Please attach a statement indicating your interest and experience relevant to the summer internship. Include 1) research interests, 2) what you would like to achieve through the internship, and 3) previous experience relevant to the internship (e.g., coursework, knowledge of specialized computer software and languages, research experience).

**Signature**

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Please include the following documents in your application package:

* This completed application
* Interest statement
* Curriculum vitae
* Two letters of recommendation
* Writing sample (e.g., conference paper)

**Applications must be received by January 27, 2017.**

For further information, please contact:

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