



The mission of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) is to protect the public by providing service and leadership that promote safe and competent physical therapy practice.

## ARE YOU A PRACTICING PT OR PTA?

*If you are a practicing physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, become an item writer for the National Physical Therapy Examinations (NPTE).*

### Benefits

A \$150 stipend is provided for every 20 items written and approved into the item bank. Item writers receive an all-expense-paid training workshop that covers item-writing theory, the development of items that test higher-order thinking skills, and specific item-writing techniques.

During the training session, item writers interact with colleagues from diverse geographic locations and practice settings.

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.

### How to apply

Log onto the FSBPT web site at [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org) and complete the application process. A copy of your resume must be submitted with your application.

### Questions?

If you have questions about becoming an item writer, email us at: [volunteer@fsbpt.org](mailto:volunteer@fsbpt.org).

### As an item writer, you will be ...

- Working with your colleagues to create the NPTE
- Sharing your knowledge of the profession
- Gaining expertise construction of multiple-choice questions
- Participating in the process designed to assure that competent professionals are licensed
- Learning from your colleagues...and having fun in the process

### Selection criteria

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

### Training in item writing

All item writers participate in a 3-day training session in Alexandria VA. You will be trained in the art of item writing by experienced staff and colleagues. The 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 our examination test bank.

After the training program you will be assigned to an item writer coordinator who will become your coach. Item writer coordinators will assist you as you continue to produce items for the exam.

### Expectations

Apart from active participation in the training workshop, an item writer is expected to: write 40 examination questions, 10 questions at the workshop and 30 more over the next 3 months; dedicate the time and effort necessary to produce high quality, psychometrically sound items and to apply the concepts presented during the training session to the development of each item; have access to the appropriate reference materials needed to research, write, and document all questions written at home; sign and agree to all terms outlined in the Confidentiality Agreement and Conflict of Interest forms; and have access to a computer and the Internet.

### Costs

The FSBPT provides your airline ticket, hotel room, and reimbursement for other travel expenses.

### Term of appointment

Each item writer attends one 3-day workshop and subsequently serves a term of 3 months.