

Jason A. Schwartz

Director of Outreach, NCSBN



SUMMARY

Jason A. Schwartz, MS, offers 25 years of experience in high-stakes testing and a reputation for innovation, leadership, and trust. Jason is the Director of Outreach at NCSBN where one of his primary roles is the sharing of accurate and useful information with stakeholders regarding NCSBN examinations, services, and other offerings. Prior to joining NCSBN in 2019, Jason spent 10 years with Pearson VUE supporting the NCLEX and other NCSBN programs in various roles at the executive level. His background also includes 12 years developing educational assessments in the areas of mathematics and science, many successful presentations and publications, and a Toastmaster of the Year award. He holds degrees in mathematics from the University of Oregon and the University of California, Berkeley.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Council of State Boards of Nursing – Chicago, Illinois

Director, Outreach (2021-present)

- Provide accurate and timely information to stakeholders regarding NCSBN exams, products, and services
- Create content with strategic or educational focus

Director, Test Development (2019-2021)

- Responsible for development of NCSBN examinations including NCLEX-RN, NCLEX-PN, Next Generation NCLEX, and National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP)
- Liaison to Pearson VUE and NCSBN stakeholders for all matters concerning testing during COVID-19 pandemic

Pearson VUE – Chicago, Illinois

Vice President, Testing Services (2016–2019)

- Responsible for NCSBN® testing content across all programs (NCLEX-RN, NCLEX-PN, NNAAP®, MACE®)
- Ensured the accurate and on-time publication of examinations for 300+ clients worldwide

Director, Content Development, NCLEX® (2010–2016)

- Managed a large team of nurse content developers, editors, data support staff, and administrative staff to direct all test development activities for the NCLEX® testing program.
- Provided high-level support for the NNAAP® testing program
- Served as the single point of contact to NCSBN® on all test development issues.

Pacific Metrics Corporation – Monterey, California

Director, Publishing Systems (2005–2010)

- Led cross-departmental problem solving, innovation, automation, and quality assurance for test publishing systems.
- Established, documented, and instituted end-to-end best practices for online test publishing.

Director, Content Development (2002–2005)

- Directed the content and product divisions of the corporation from start-up.
- Conceptualized and developed multiple online testing solutions for district and state customers including Louisiana EAGLE.
- Created and managed business-to-business efforts with McGraw-Hill, Riverside Publishing Company, Harcourt Assessment, and Continental Press.

CTB/McGraw Hill – Monterey, California

Development Supervisor (2000–2002)

- Supervised the development of mathematics exams across multiple grade levels and states.

Content Editor (1998–2000)

- Supervised grade-level development of assessment and ancillary materials for mathematics.
- Facilitated training workshops in multiples states and overseas.

Item Writer (1997–1998)

- Authored mathematics and science items for use in state- and national-level assessments.

The Learning Center – Eugene, Oregon

Mathematics and Science Instructor (1995–1996)

- Provided individualized instruction for university students with learning disabilities.

University of Oregon – Eugene, Oregon

Graduate Teaching Fellow (1993–1996)

- Taught undergraduate courses in Pre-Calculus, Trigonometry, Statistics, Calculus, and Discrete Mathematics.

Education

MS, Mathematics, University of Oregon

BA, Mathematics, University of California-Berkley

Finance for Non-Financial Managers, University of Chicago Booth Graduate School of Business

Professional Affiliations

Delegate, Pearson Forum 2011 International Leadership Program

Certification Network Group, Chicago Chapter

Planning Committee, CCSSO National Conference on Student Assessment, 2006-2009

Process Facilitator, NAEP High School Mathematics Standard Setting, 2004

Monterey County Toastmaster of the Year, 2000

Society for American Baseball Research

Presentations and Publications

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX: Item Writing Training," Directors Forum, California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (2022)

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," ACEN National Conference (2022)

Featured speaker, "Countdown to NGN: What You Need to Know and Tools to Get Ready," Elsevier Spring Webinar for Educators (2022)

Keynote panelist, "The Future of Nursing," ATI National Nurse Educator Summit (2022)

Author, "42 in '47: The Baseball Cards of Jackie Robinson's Dodger Debut," Society for American Baseball Research (2022)

Featured speaker, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," Missouri League of Nursing Student Conference (2022)

Featured speaker, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," Missouri Nurse Educators Conference (2022)

Panelist, "Preparing for the Next Generation NCLEX," Wolters Kluwer Nursing Education Speaker Series (2022)

Featured speaker, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," Center to Champion Nursing in America (2022)

Featured speaker, "Improving the Quality of Multiple-Choice Test Items," Singapore Nursing Board (2022)

Featured speaker, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (2022)

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan (2022)

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," Ohio Board of Nursing (2021)

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," South Carolina Chief Nursing Officer Forum (2021)

Featured speaker, "Improving the Quality of Multiple-Choice Test Items," Singapore Nursing Board (2022)

Host and presenter, Interactive Item Writing for Canadian PN Educators (2021)

Featured speaker, "Next Generation NCLEX: Countdown to Launch," ATI National Nurse Educator Summit (2021)

Featured speaker, "Staying on The Front Lines of Clinical Judgment and Next Generation NCLEX," Wolters Kluwer Nursing Education Speaker Series (2021)

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX Updates," North Carolina Board of Nursing Conference for Educators (2021)

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX Updates," Vermont Board of Nursing Conference for Educators (2021)

Presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX Updates," Missouri Nurse Educator Conference (2021)

Host, NCLEX Conference (2020)

Host and presenter, "COVID-19 and NCLEX Testing Availability," NCSBN webinar (2020)

Host and presenter, "COVID-19 and the NCLEX," NCSBN webinar (2020)

Host and presenter, NCLEX Regional Workshop for Indiana Educators (2019)

Co-presenter, "Next Generation NCLEX Updates," Oregon State Board of Nursing (2019)

Presenter, NCLEX Conference for Canadian Educators, Calgary, AB (2014)

Presenter, NCLEX Conference for Canadian Educators, Toronto, ONT (2013)

Co-author, "Best Practices for Writing Test Items," Journal of Nursing Regulation (2012)

Co-presenter, "How to Address Item Bank Deficits Rapidly and Effectively," Institute for Credentialing Excellence, Palm Springs, Florida (2012)

Featured speaker, "Geometry Locked in a Car," Content Development Speakers Series, Pearson VUE (2012)

Co-presenter, Schwartz, J. (June 2009). The Competing Demands of Quantity and Quality in State Testing: Producing More in the Era of Less. National Conference on Student Assessment, Los Angeles, California.

Co-presenter, "What Kind of Test Is It? Blurring the Formative/Summative Boundary," CCSSO Large Scale Assessment Conference, Nashville, Tennessee (2007)

Co-presenter, "Speed Up or Slow Down—Quality Control Challenges in the Web Era," National Conference on Large Scale Assessment, San Antonio, Texas (2007)

Co-presenter, "Making Domain Descriptors Accessible to Standard Setting Panelists," National Council on Measurement in Education, Montreal, Quebec (2005)

Presenter, "Math for Surfers: Finding Math Resources on the Web," National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2004)

Co-presenter, "Preparing Students for the California High School Exit Exam: The Role of Middle Schools," California Educational Research Association, San Francisco, California (2003)

Co-presenter, "Interactive Learning Systems: Do Students Take the Hint?" California Educational Research Association, San Francisco, California (2003)

Co-presenter, "Released Assessment Items: Trash or Treasure?" National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, Las Vegas, Nevada (2002)

Co-presenter, "Where Your Statewide Tests Really Come From," National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Orlando, Florida (2002)