

2010 PROMIS Workshops

Workshop Description

Please join us for a full-day workshop. The morning of this workshop will provide a basic understanding of Item Response Theory (IRT) and Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT) and their application in the Patient Reported Outcome Measurement Information System (PROMIS), an NIH-Roadmap Initiative project. Attendees will become familiar with basic IRT terminology, what IRT is, how IRT works, and how IRT compares to classical test theory. The fundamentals of CAT will be discussed. Attendees will learn what is required to create and administer CAT. The afternoon of the workshop will focus on Assessment CenterSM (www.assessmentcenter.net/ac1), a free, online, research management tool. Assessment CenterSM houses a library of PROMIS health-related quality of life instruments and items. It includes features that allow end-users to conduct tasks such as instrument development, study administration, data management, and storage of statistical analysis results. Users can create their own instruments through selecting or modifying existing items and/or creating new items. Users may define data collection elements and create study-specific websites to administer instruments and consent forms. Data collection can be managed through accrual reports and participant registration screens. Assessment CentersSM enables exporting study data to external applications for analysis. This workshop will train participants to use current Assessment CentersSM features through lecture, hands-on exercises, and question/answer time. At the conclusion of the workshop, users will be able to use Assessment CenterSM to conduct a research project, from instrument development to data collection and data export.

Agenda

8:00 – 8:30 Registration and continental breakfast
8:30 – 12:00 PROMIS, IRT, and CAT
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided on site)
1:00 – 5:00 Introduction to Assessment Center

Presenters

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Dates

Thursday, April 22, 2010 – Chicago, IL
Thursday, July 15, 2010 – Chicago, IL

Location

The PROMIS workshop will be held at a MicroTek computer training facility at 230 W. Monroe, Suite 550 in downtown Chicago, Illinois. This is at the corner of Franklin and Monroe Streets, one block from the Willis (Sears) tower and conveniently located close to public transportation and downtown hotels.

Registration Information - Registration is \$300

[Register here for April 22, 2010 workshop](#)

[Register here for July 15, 2010 workshop](#)

Training Requirements

There are no pre-requisites for this workshop. No knowledge of IRT or CAT is required. Computers will be provided for the afternoon Assessment Center training.

Contact Us

If you have questions about the PROMIS Workshop, please contact us at help@assessmentcenter.net.

Training Logistics

Location

The PROMIS workshop will be held at a MicroTek computer training facility at 230 W. Monroe, Suite 550 in downtown Chicago, Illinois. This is at the corner of Franklin and Monroe, one block from the Sears tower and conveniently located close to public transportation and downtown hotels.

Driving Directions

The training is located on the corner of Monroe and Franklin. Monroe is a one-way street that runs West to East and is one block West of Wells.

From the North: Take I-90/94 South (Kennedy Expressway) to Monroe East exit.

From the South: Take I-90/94 North to Monroe East exit

From the West: Take I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) and exit at Wacker/Franklin

Parking

Detailed parking information, including several nearby lots and their respective costs, is available [here](#).

Public Transportation

The training facility is conveniently accessible to public transportation. Attendees taking the Metra train should go to the Union or Oglivie stations and walk about 3 blocks to the training facility. The CTA Blue line can be taken to the Monroe and Dearborn terminal. The CTA Orange line can be taken to the Washington and Wells terminal.

Airport Transportation

Flights can be booked into either O'Hare or Midway airports. A car is not necessary. We recommend taking an airport shuttle, taxi, or riding the CTA train to downtown Chicago. Trains run every 6-10 minutes day and evenings and every 30 minutes overnight. Trips take 40 to 45 minutes. The Blue line from O'Hare can be taken to the Monroe terminal. The Orange line from Midway can be taken to the Quincy terminal. The Airport Express also stops outside baggage claim areas departing every 5-15 minutes with adult one-way fares from \$11.00 to \$15.00. Be sure to let the driver know your hotel.

Hotels

[Club Quarters, Central Loop](#)

111 West Adams Street (at LaSalle Street)

Chicago, IL 60603

Phone: (800) 279-6753

MicroTek Rate: Regular (1/1 to 4/10 and 11/14 to 12/31) \$114 Club, \$129 Standard, \$149 Superior, & \$179 Suite 4/11 - 11/13 rates: \$134 Club, \$149 Standard, \$169 Superior, \$209 Suite

** Rates subject to change without notice.*

Distance from Facility: *2 1/2 blocks; within walking distance to MicroTek*

When calling to make reservation, must mention "MicroTek" to secure rate. If making reservation online, enter "MicroTek" under the Member Sign In Field on the upper left-hand side of the page.

Private, full service hotel with entry restricted to guests only. Located in the center of the Central Loop, the hotel is minutes to fine dining, world class shopping and entertainment.

[Club Quarters, Wacker at Michigan](#) 75 E Wacker Drive (off Michigan Avenue)

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: (800) 279-6753

MicroTek Rate: Regular (1/1 - 4/10 and 11/14 - 12/31) \$129 Club, \$144 Standard, \$164 Superior, & \$194 Suite 4/11 - 11/13 rates: \$129 Club, \$144 Standard, \$164 Superior, \$224 Suite

** Rates subject to change without notice.*

Distance from Facility: *1 mile; not within walking distance to MicroTek*

When calling to make reservation, must mention MicroTek to secure this rate. If making reservation online, enter "MicroTek" under the Member Sign In Field on the upper left-hand side of the page.

Private, full service hotel with entry restricted to guests only. Situated on the Chicago River, this landmark tower is just one block north of the Magnificent Mile, famous for shopping and minutes to fine dining and entertainment.

[Hotel Allegro](#)

171 West Randolph (at LaSalle Street)

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: (800) 643-1500

MicroTek Rate: 1/1 - 3/31 and 7/1 - 8/31: \$145 Double/King 4/1 - 6/30 and 9/1 - 12/31: \$175 Double/King

** Rates subject to change without notice.*

Distance from Facility: *5 blocks; within walking distance to MicroTek*

When calling in for a reservation, please request the MicroTek rate or rate code MIK.

Located in the heart of the downtown Loop area, The Hotel Allegro is like no other hotel in Chicago.

Captivating and indulgent, the Allegro exemplifies the Chicago lifestyle of the 90's, with influences from the theater and music scenes carried throughout its interior design. Each guestroom offers unique charm and style, set with vibrant colors and a sense of elegance.