

# 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 Center<sup>SM</sup> ([www.assessmentcenter.net/ac1](http://www.assessmentcenter.net/ac1)), a free, online, research management tool. Assessment Center<sup>SM</sup> 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 Center<sup>SM</sup> enables exporting study data to external applications for analysis. This workshop will train participants to use current Assessment Center<sup>SM</sup> features through lecture, hands-on exercises, and question/answer time. At the conclusion of the workshop, users will be able to use Assessment Center<sup>SM</sup> 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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Medical Social Sciences, Northwestern University

## 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

## 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](mailto: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 in this pdf: <http://www.230westmonroe.com/230parking.pdf>

## Public Transportation

The training facility is conveniently accessible to public transportation. Attendees taking the Metra train should go to the Union or Ogilvie 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.

- Ideal for business travelers with free high speed Internet access throughout the hotel, 24 hour Member Service Desk and Fitness Facility.
- Private Club Room with complimentary newspapers, magazines and games and free use of a Business Center.
- Guestrooms are comfortable, elegantly styled and beautifully appointed, with all modern conveniences.

- Amenities include a two line speaker phone with private direct dial phone number, cable TV with on demand movies, well lighted desk and work area.
- The popular onsite restaurant and pub, the Elephant and Castle, serves heart warming comfort foods from Britain and great favorites of American fare.
- Room service as well as multi-menu room delivery.

Effective January 1, 2007, cancellations after 5:00 p.m. day prior to arrival will be charged a \$30.00 reservation change fee. Cancellations made after 2:00 p.m. day of arrival will be charged 100% of the first night for stays less than 30 days.

#### 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.

- The hotel is ideal for business travelers with free high speed Internet access throughout the hotel, 24 hour Member Service Desk and Fitness Facility.
- Private bi – level Club Room with free coffee, newspapers, magazines and games, as well as free use of a computer and printer.
- Guestrooms are comfortable, elegantly styled and beautifully appointed with all modern conveniences.
- Amenities include a two line speaker phone with private direct dial phone number, cable TV with on demand movies, a well lighted desk and work area.
- The onsite dining, visit Bella Bacino's offering American Italian fare in a relaxed, split level restaurant.

#### 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.

Services and amenities include:

- 2-line phones, fax, CD player
- honor bar
- concierge services
- full service restaurant
- on-site fitness center
- wine-tasting in the lobby