



## Item Writers 2018 Certification Cycle

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### Purpose

Item Writers are subject matter experts (SMEs) who write, reference, and review items used for the HMDCB certification examination. SMEs develop items according to the content outline that reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed by a hospice physician. An orientation session will train item writers to write high-quality, psychometrically sound items that are reviewed at multiple levels for possible inclusion in the examination item bank.

### Scope and Timeline of Work

- ▶ Participate in workshop October 2017; training and production of test questions will occur during the in-person meeting
- ▶ Apply the concepts presented in the tutorials and item writer manual to the development of each item
- ▶ Based on the production of work at the workshop, potentially write a few additional items as "homework" in October/November.