

## **PRITE Editorial Board Member – Job Description**

The Psychiatric Residents In-Training Examination (PRITE) Editorial Board is a committee of The American College of Psychiatrists (The College), a professional psychiatric organization which is based in Chicago, Illinois. This group writes the PRITE exam for psychiatry residents and the CHILD PRITE exam for child/ adolescent psychiatry fellows annually. These exams are taken by nearly every psychiatry trainee in the US (and by many in other countries), it has substantial importance for psychiatric education generally and for The College, specifically. It is created by a volunteer group, and in return for the work of this group, The College offers an expenses-paid resort-style trip each summer that is family-friendly and includes substantial time for your own activities. In addition, members of the Editorial Board enjoy the company of colleagues passionate about education and earn continuing medical education credit for their work.

There are currently six Editors who lead the Editorial Board, which is composed of 34 members. As a PRITE Editorial Board Member, you are a part of a group of practicing psychiatrists and resident Fellows from across the country, overseas and Canada, who write and edit questions that will go into the PRITE and CHILD PRITE exams each year. In order to be a member, you must have experience writing questions and be comfortable with using technology (laptop, zoom, pdf creation/editing, etc.). We also ask that you are available to participate in all activities and attend the entire summer meeting.

At the beginning of your term, you are assigned a mentor, likely an Editor, to use as a resource. You are also given access to staff resources from The College and Assessment Systems Corporation (ASC) (our testing company consultant) to assist along the way.

Each year, in September, you are given a new item writing assignment where you are asked to create 15-20 or so questions from various psychiatry and neurology content categories and also review and revise a small number of already written and reviewed items (Re-Write Assignment), if needed. Each new question will likely take approximately 1-2 hours to complete and reference. This assignment is due in January. The Re-Write assignment is due a couple months after it is distributed – this is an easier, less time-consuming assignment to complete. It helps “save” questions, which item writers took time to complete that didn’t make it on that year’s exam, but just need a little tweaking or re-referencing.

In May, you are paired with another member of the PRITE Editorial Board to complete a pre-meeting assignment, consisting of reviewing 80-90 items. You and your partner will review and provide feedback/edits to items that will be discussed at the July PRITE Editorial Board Meeting. You and your partner will then (informally) present these edits to a small group during your meeting sessions, on-site. The group will discuss and will decide whether to keep, hold or delete an item. This assignment is due in late June/early July. There are two Zooms scheduled around the time when the assignments go out to go over the details of what is required in more detail.

The PRITE Editorial Board meets once a year during the third or fourth week of July to finalize the next year’s PRITE and CHILD PRITE exams. During the meeting, you meet in small groups, present the items you reviewed and participate in discussions to select items for the two exams. You may be asked to revise some items and/or identify an appropriate reference for an item. There also is scheduled free time to enjoy and explore the area. These meetings are family friendly and designed to be enjoyable. Your costs are covered by The College, excluding any non-sponsored extra-curricular activities or costs which exceed the daily meal stipend of \$100.00. Costs incurred for spouses and children are not reimbursable.

All PRITE Editorial Board Members are given a complimentary PIPE exam and a discounted registration price towards The College Annual Meeting, as a way of saying thank you.