

Individual Cognitive Assessment
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The purpose of this course is to develop competent skills for the cognitive assessment of children, adolescents and adults. This course integrates the skills of administration and scoring of major cognitive assessment instruments (i.e., WISC-V, WAIS-V, WJ-IV COG,) in the context of recent cognitive theories and research. An overview of the Stanford Binet Intelligence Scale and other tests will also be presented. The Cattell-Horn-Carroll Theory of Cognitive Abilities will be contrasted with other conceptualizations of intelligence. The topic of Learning Disorders is introduced along with historical, conceptual and relevant clinical issues. The APA/AERA Ethics Codes and Professional Standards pertinent to testing and dissemination of test results will be discussed along with educational, employment and social implications of assessment and development of communication skills and appropriate interventions. Issues of assessing culturally and linguistically diverse individuals are integrated throughout the course.

In order to achieve these skills the student will:

1. Know the socio-political historical bases of psychological assessment
2. Apply psychometric concepts to intelligence tests through referral question to test selection, evaluation and test interpretation
3. Demonstrate proficiency in the administration and scoring of the Wechsler Scales of Intelligence and Woodcock Johnson Cognitive Battery
4. Apply the scientific problem solving model of psychological assessment to an analysis of referrals and use of tests
5. Apply the Cattell, Horn, and Carroll (CHC) theory of intelligence through test analysis and interpretation, oral and written communication of test findings
6. Know the historical context of Learning Disability and its current application
7. Practice administering WISC V, WAIS V, & WJ-IV
8. Demonstrate proficiency in observational skills so that client test taking behaviors are integrated with quantitative, content and process information
9. Write psychological reports which communicate the results of the assessment in an accurate and clearly presented manner

10. Evaluate structural, systemic, information processing, and multiple explanations of intelligence
11. Demonstrate understand and developing proficiency with linguistic and cultural diverse populations
12. Demonstrate beginning proficiencies in case management including initiating a new case, taking a detailed history, administering a battery of measures, meeting with a peer supervisor, writing an integrated report and being supervised by a doctoral level psychologist

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Each student is expected to obtain proficiency in test administration as determined through course assistant observations of test administrations.

Each student is expected to reach scoring mastery on each set of test protocols. Mastery means correct administration of each test and scoring as judged by the course assistant and Dr. Marano.

Each student will meet with the course assistant for lab appointments. The class will meet for Labs on the WISC V, WAIS V and WJ IV Cog. These lab dates and times will be arranged with the course assistant and may occur outside of scheduled class time. This is anticipated to occur in person.

Report. Students complete a report following template provided based on volunteer testing evaluation.

Final examination. This is comprised of an essay question and protocol scoring.

Competency examinations on the WISC-V, WAIS-V and WJ IV Cog will be scheduled with both the course assistant and Dr. Marano. This is anticipated to occur in person.

Textbooks:

Sattler, J. M., Dumont, R. & Coalson, D (2016) *Assessment of Children WISC-V and WPPSI-IV*, San Diego, CA: Jerome Sattler.

Sattler, J.M. (2024) *Assessment of Children: Cognitive Foundations and Applications 7th Ed.*, Las Mesa, California: Jerome M. Sattler, Publisher, Inc.

Gould, S. J. (1996). *The mismeasure of man*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company.

Suggested Supplementary Textbooks:

Geva, E. & Wiener, J. (2015) *Psychological Assessment of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children and Adolescents.*, New York: Springer Publishing Company.

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Flanagan, D. P., & Harrison, P. L. (Ed.) (2011). *Contemporary intellectual assessment: Theories, tests, and issues*. New York: Guilford Press.

There are other Essentials of Psychological Assessment texts available. Affordable-easily found on Amazon.

TESTING LIBRARY:

Each testing kit must be signed out. Please inform the course assistant of any missing pieces immediately. You will be responsible for protecting the integrity of each test and adhering to the APA code of ethics. You will also be responsible for any loss, damage, or theft that occurs while the test is signed out to you. At this time, we continue to need to return testing kits after they are used. In addition, all test kits are to be returned by the last day of class. Failure to return test materials will result in a grade of INCOMPLETE.

You will be learning to administer various tests that are not only copyright protected but also protected under the ethical standards of APA and NASP. It is our responsibility to make sure that you protect these tests and also use them under strict guidelines. It is most important that you protect the test material and its contents. Since you will be learning these tests through practice administrations, it is essential that you only administer these tests to either a student peer in this class or to another person who signs an informed consent agreement.

Please make sure a consent form is attached to each submitted protocol. Test administrations are for training purposes only.

SCHEDULE OF TEST PRACTICE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Feb. 4 WISC V practice administrations in class
- Feb. 11 WISC-V protocol scored- Alexis scored
- Feb. 18 WISC-V administered and scored (ages 7-16)
- Mar. 4 WAIS-IV protocol scored-Craig

SPRING BREAK March 11-18

- Mar. 25 WAIS-IV administered and scored. (16-95)
- Apr. 9 WJ-IV select subtests administered and scored (5-95)
- Apr. 22 Competency Exams
- Apr. 29 Comp Make-Ups (if needed)/Write Ups/Final

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TOPIC OUTLINE:

- I. Jan. 21
 - A. Review syllabus and assignments
 - B. Obtaining practice subjects
 - C. Purposes of clinical assessment
 - D. Stanford Binet Introduction

- II. Jan. 28- Feb. 4
 - A. ETHICS
 - B. WISC V
 - C. **PRACTICE LAB**
 - D. TYPES of TEST SCORES

- III. Feb. 11-18
 - A. Reliability & Validity
 - B. WISC-V
 - C. Report Writing
 - D. Interpreting Results
 - E. WAIS-V

- IV. Feb. 25- March 4
 - A. Clinical Applications
 - B. WAIS V
 - C. CHC Theory

- V. March 11
 - A. WAIS V
 - B. **WECHLSER REVIEW**

3/18-3/24 Spring Break

- VI. March 25
 - A. WJ IV
 - B. Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations

VI. WJ IV LAB- April 1

VII. PRACTICE LAB- REVIEW WJ Apr. 8

VIII. Review- April 15
COURSE ASSISTANT REVIEW SESSIONS

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X. Apr. 22

COMPETENCY EXAMS

XI. April 29

Learning disorders

Report Writing Review

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<https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines>. If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus's disability services office will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site at:

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