



American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology

Policy on the Use of Non-Doctoral-Level Personnel in Conducting Clinical Neuropsychological Evaluations

The use of psychometric technicians, psychometrists, and other psychologist-assistants, as well as trainees enrolled in formal educational and training programs, is both acceptable and a widespread practice in clinical neuropsychology. These individuals, who typically have baccalaureate (and often masters) degrees in psychology, as well as additional training in the standardized administration and scoring of neuropsychological tests, work under the direct and close supervision of licensed psychologists. The licensed psychologist has responsibility for the entire assessment, but test administration and scoring may be performed by non-doctoral-level personnel. The technician, assistant, or trainee thus functions in a way analogous to the medical laboratory or radiology technician; he/she is responsible for the acquisition of data upon which the licensed doctoral-level professional bases his/her evaluation and opinions.

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