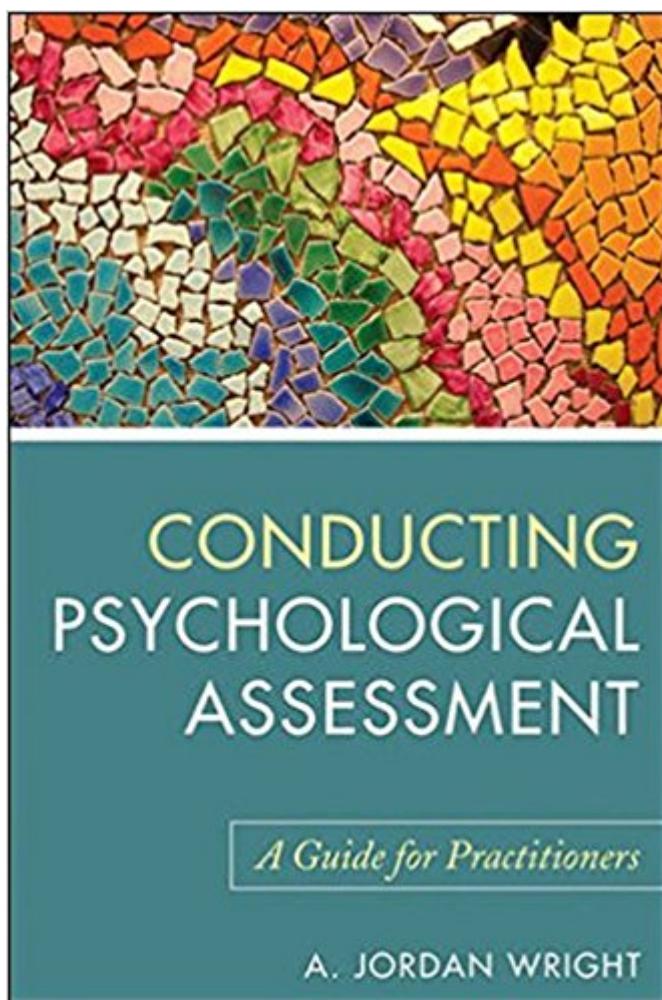


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# Conducting Psychological Assessment: A Guide For Practitioners



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A Valuable Guide to the Entire Process of Psychological Assessment Carefully working through all the phases of assessment, including integrating, conceptualizing, test selection, administering, scoring, and report writing, *Conducting Psychological Assessment* provides clinicians with a step-by-step methodology for conducting skilled individual assessments, from beginning to end. Unlike most guides to assessment, this book addresses the critical steps that follow administration, scoring, and interpretation—namely the integration of the data into a fully conceptualized report. Rich with case studies that illustrate every major point, this text provides a coherent structure for the entire process, taking into account the imperfection of both clinical intuition and specific psychological tests. *Conducting Psychological Assessment* presents practitioners with an accessible framework to help make the process of psychological assessment quicker, easier, and more efficient. It offers a model designed to ensure that assessors provide ethical and competent services and make useful contributions to the lives of the individuals they assess.

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I found this book very helpful.

Excellently lays out how to integrate testing data into a single report. Great resource for any student learning about assessment.

I bought this book for a course and it turned out to be one of the best and easiest to understand text books ever. It is clear, and it guides students and practitioners through the art and science of "Conducting Psychological Assessment." This is a complex field, yet A. Jordan Wright makes it very accessible by sharing multiple examples of patients with different mental health issues--sometime multiple issues-- and showing the process of how to arrive at a diagnosis through a plethora of different testing techniques. The book contains patient interviews, case studies, assessment reports, and other documents that help you truly see how to correctly approach mental health assessment. The book is really well done and very easy to understand. I also had the great fortune to take a related course with Dr. Wright. He is brilliant and knows his field inside out.

This book is thorough, well-structured, well-written, and lacks pretense. The author walks the reader through the various steps of the assessment process and highlights specific considerations along the way. Those who desire more in-depth information in particular areas can take note of recommendations for further reading cited in the text. Case studies provide useful illustrations of assessment in practice. While I cannot speak to the value for seasoned practitioners, this book is an unquestionable asset to those new to the assessment process.

Each chapter in part one takes us through the steps of writing, selecting tests, integrating and writing reports to most importantly giving feedback to the patient. Dr. Wright generously shares his expertise and experience with the reader. Jordan writes in a clear, thoughtful and intelligent manner. The second part of the book takes us through 6 real case studies. As though watching and listening through a two way mirror we are invited into a process conducted with warmth and professionalism honoring each patient, from the boy in foster care to the recovering alcoholic and we are taken with Dr. Wright through the interview process as it happened. Dr. Wright writes in a caring and articulate manner providing the necessary data to explain the process. I highly recommend "Conducting Psychological Assessment A Guide for Practitioners" and for students as well. It's opened a window for me how psychological testing and therapy are beneficial when working hand in hand. It's a guide

you will find yourself referring to again and again!!

I bought this book based on the two reviews, and the reality was that the presentation is quite simplistic, and lacking in intellectual rigor. I can only assume that those two other only reviews, both of which were written within a few days 18 months ago, were written by someone with an agenda.

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