

Grand Valley State University
PSY 622: Educational Assessment (Assessment I)
Fall 2020

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Course Summary

Psychology 622 is a course introducing the theoretical and practical aspects of assessment, as this is an important component of school psychological practice. You will learn to select, administer, and interpret assessments for a wide range of concerns within a problem-solving model. It will include the use of a variety of tools and techniques for individual, group, and systems-level assessment, as well as the communication of assessment results orally and in written reports. This course will also familiarize you with using assessment data for instruction and intervention recommendations. Finally, this course will introduce you to standardized assessments in preparation for PSY 623.

Course Objectives

The following course objectives are from the syllabus of record and are therefore applicable for all sections of this course, regardless of the assigned instructor. Upon successful completion of this course you will be able to:

1. Analyze factors that impact student learning of academic skills.
2. Critically evaluate the underlying assumptions and key components of assessing student performance using a problem-solving approach.
3. Compare and contrast the use of traditional and functional assessment devices/tools to determine student academic/behavioral needs in problem identification, problem analysis, intervention development/implementation and evaluation.
4. Conduct both systematic and anecdotal instructional/behavioral observations to identify factors that may be impacting student performance.
5. Administer, score, and analyze a variety of assessment devices/tools following standardized procedures.
6. Conduct a diagnostic assessment and develop instructional recommendations for a student.
7. Summarize, interpret, and report assessment data to teachers and parents, orally and in written reports.
8. Apply the legal and ethical standards and multicultural issues that must be considered in relation to the selection, administration, and interpretation of assessment devices/tools.

Corresponding Program Goals:

This course will specifically address the following program goals:

1. Students will engage and practice in a legal, professional and ethical manner that demonstrates respect for student, family, and school diversity.
2. Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to collaborate and consult with school professionals, families, and other partners to improve current systems of service delivery to meet the educational and mental health needs of children and adolescents.
3. Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills to conduct standardized assessments and use a variety of techniques to evaluate the cognitive, academic, and behavioral strengths and needs of students and the environmental contexts in which these competencies develop.
7. Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills to support the implementation of evidence-based practices that improve student and school outcomes from a broad-based ecological-behavioral orientation.

Readings & Materials

- Shapiro, E. S. (2011). *Academic Skills Problems, 4th Edition: Direct Assessment and Intervention*. New York: Guilford. [Note: Fully available online through library]
- Shapiro, E. S. (2011). *Academic Skills Problems, 4th Edition: Workbook*. New York: Guilford.
- Selected chapters from: *Best Practices in School Psychology (4-volume set)*. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists. The set is expensive but you will use it for most of your graduate school classes. <https://www.nasponline.org/books-and-products/products/books/titles/best-practices-in-school-psychology-4-volume-print-set>
- Additional chapters and articles will be made available on Blackboard.
- Clipboard (any kind you like as long as it is not transparent)
- Stopwatch (preferably a timer that can count up and count down, with no/soft beep, that has large “digits”).
- Small dry erase board (any kind you like about 8.5 x 11 inches in size) with markers

Course Format

The format of the class will include video & in-person lecture, discussion, “lab” time, and individual meetings with me or the second-year teaching assistant. Lectures will be used to introduce new topics, to present background information, and to highlight important points in the readings. Some lectures will be in-class and some topics will require you to watch video lectures *prior* to class in order to prepare for in-class discussions and activities. Discussion will be used to discuss how this relates to practicum experiences and to debate current issues in the field. “Lab” time will provide opportunities to practice skills with peers and receive feedback from me. The teaching assistant and I will have individual meetings with you outside of the regular class time as a way to provide personalized feedback and check-in throughout the semester. Masks are required for all face-to-face class sessions (<https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/face-covering-policy-27.htm>). Note that all sessions after Thanksgiving will be fully virtual and all class sessions could switch to fully virtual sooner as needed (i.e., class quarantine or stay-home order). Class lectures may be recorded. These video/audio recordings are for educational purposes and may be made available to other students presenting enrolled in the course.

Technology Requirements & Assistance

You will need a laptop or tablet with internet access to use during face-to-face class sessions. However, the use of technology for personal reasons (e.g., checking e-mail or using social media) during class is inappropriate and disrespectful to other students and myself. Please silence and put away all cell-phones during class unless directed to use it for an activity. I will use my discretion in reducing grades for those students who are using computers or other technology in a disrespectful manner when class is in session.

In addition, you will need access to the following in order to complete remaining course requirements:

- High-speed internet access
- Computer with ability to watch videos & operating system that meets current Blackboard requirements; Google chrome is the recommended browser
- Microsoft Word & program to read pdf files
- Video camera & microphone (built into computer or external)

While tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices may allow for the completion of some coursework, they are not guaranteed to work in all areas. Please ensure you have a Windows or Mac based computer available to complete coursework. This computer must have programs to read PDF and Microsoft Word documents. Please submit any assignments as Microsoft Word files as I will not accept incompatible programs. As a GVSU student, you have access to Microsoft Office 365 for free (<https://www.gvsu.edu/it/downloading-office-365-from-microsoft-223.htm>).

To access Blackboard, go to <https://mybb.gvsu.edu/> and enter your log in and password. Check the current [technical requirements](#) to use Blackboard and preferred browser information. Use of Blackboard is integral to this course. If you experience technical problems with Blackboard, contact the help desk by email or phone - helpdesk@gvsu.edu or 616-331-3513. The help website is <https://www.gvsu.edu/it/>.

Policies and Procedures

This course is subject to the GVSU policies listed at <http://www.gvsu.edu/coursepolicies/>.

In addition, you are expected to abide by the GVSU student code (<http://www.gvsu.edu/studentcode/>) and the ethical principles of the National Association of School Psychologists (<http://www.nasponline.org/standards/ethics/ethical-conduct-professional-practices.aspx>). These principles serve as a guide to students' behavior both on and off-campus. This includes (1) arriving on time, (2) leaving at the scheduled time and not before, (3) appropriately engaging during courses and practicum activities, and (4) respecting confidentiality. When in the schools, you represent the School Psychology program as well as the University and we expect your behavior to be professional, respectful, and responsible. Violations of the ethical and professional standards may result in a lowered grade and may be grounds for dismissal from the program.

COVID-19 Considerations

General information/updates: <https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/current-students-29.htm>

Self-Assessment: You are required to complete a self-assessment every day of the semester (<https://www.gvsu.edu/hro/selfassessment-login.htm>). If the self-assessment indicates you should not come to campus on a class day, do NOT come to a face-to-face class session. E-mail me and we will work together to ensure you can still meet class requirements.

Financial Hardship: GVSU remains committed to supporting you because of the impacts of the pandemic and is here to help you in times of financial need, including technology requirements. Financial hardship funds are available to help you meet basic needs and cover educational costs (such as housing, food, and textbooks) that you otherwise pay out of pocket. Please visit [Special Circumstance & Financial Hardship Requests](#) for more information.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you are in need of accommodations due to a learning, physical, or other disability, please provide me with your memo from Disability Support Resources (DSR) indicating the existence of a disability and the suggested reasonable accommodations. If you have not already done so, please contact the Disability Support Resources office (4015 JHZ) by calling 331-2490 or email to dsrgvsu@gvsu.edu. In addition, it can sometimes be helpful to discuss together the support you will need to be successful; these discussions will remain confidential. Furthermore, if you have a physical disability and think you will need assistance evacuating the classroom and/or building in an emergency situation, please contact me so I can develop a plan to assist you.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

The materials presented in this class are copyright protected and may not be used without the express prior consent of the instructor. Intentional misuse of the intellectual property of another may subject the user to penalties up to and including dismissal. It is your responsibility as a student to maintain academic integrity and not give any appearance of a violation. You will do original work and will not take or receive the efforts of another person on any test or assignment, use unauthorized resources on quizzes or tests, plagiarize, or give/sell other students papers or assignments not authorized by me. You are responsible for making yourself aware of and for understanding the policies and procedures that pertain to academic integrity. To that end, be sure to familiarize yourself with the GVSU Student Code [Section 223.01] related to academic integrity. Furthermore, be sure to reference sources in all assignments. If you are uncertain about such an issue prior to submission of an assignment, project, or test, please see me as soon as possible so we can eliminate any uncertainty. There is no harm in asking if you are not sure if you are plagiarizing. There is harm in plagiarizing and then telling me afterwards that you did not know you did anything wrong.

Canceled Classes

If classes are canceled at the university, I will contact you regarding plans for the course and any updates to the course schedule.

Attendance

You are expected to attend and participate in all classes. It is expected that you will be on time for the start of class and stay for the duration of class (i.e., not leave early). Please contact me in advance if you anticipate missing a class or have a legitimate reason for coming late or leaving early. As this class only meets once per week, missing a class will involve missing a *significant* amount of course content. If you cannot attend a class session for university-defined “excused absence” (e.g., university sports, religious holidays, conference), please contact me *as soon as possible*. Refer to this [page](#) for the complete list of excused absences. COVID-19 related absences are also excused. If you have symptoms, are quarantining due to exposure to the virus, or have tested positive, please e-mail me so we can make arrangements.

Testing Children/Students: Consent & Confidentiality

When you collect individual data on students for the purposes of this course, parents must sign a written consent form prior to your work with the student. Permission must be obtained before you begin working with the student. Consent forms must be turned in for any associated assignments (case study & any standardized assessments) in order for them to be graded. To protect the identity of any children and their settings, please keep any reports and discussions about cases confidential. In written and oral reports, **always use pseudonyms** (fictitious names, not initials) for the student, parent, teacher, school, and appropriately disguise any other demographic information so that they cannot be identified.

Assignments & Late Work

The work to be done for this class includes completing the assigned readings, participating in class discussion, presentations, writing papers/reflections, and completing standardized assessments. All written assignments should be turned in via Blackboard by the start of class on the due date unless otherwise noted. Professional writing is an important part of your training as a psychologist and your writing will be evaluated in all assignments. Professional writing is clear, well-organized, uses sentence and paragraph structure to convey content, avoids passive voice, and is free from typographical error, misspellings, and grammatical errors. Further, professional writing balances critical reflection with strengths of the material or information. All work for the course MUST be completed in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch page margins (note that often times the default is 1.25-inch margins and must be changed) unless otherwise noted.

Papers that utilize sources should use APA style when citing within text as well as in preparing the reference list. Refer to the publication manual for specific guidelines: American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.) Washington, D.C.: Author.

Late work is strongly discouraged. Due to the intensive nature of this semester, I recommend that you avoid late work as much as possible. Assignments turned in after the deadline will be penalized by 25% of the original point value. After three days, assignments will not be graded and be assigned a “0.” However, if you provide me with at least one week’s notice and have a valid reason, I can provide extensions for most assignments to allow for late submissions without penalties.

Grading

Grades will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the issues as evidenced by the quality of your ideas, written work, and contributions to class discussions. Review the separate “Assignment Descriptions” document and the additional information/rubrics on Blackboard for more information. Final grades will be based on the total points as indicated below:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
Class Participation	10
Acadience Reading Instructor Check-Out	5
Reflections	30
Observation Practice	10
Assessment Tool Presentation	15
Classroom Reading Consultation	15
Case Study (Report & Presentation)	30
WISC Instructor Check-Out	5
<u>WISC Peer Protocol</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Points:	130

<u>Grading Scale</u>	
94 & above	A
90-93	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
60-66	D
59 & below	F

Tentative Course Schedule

Schedule is subject to change. An updated course schedule will be provided if the course must move to virtual delivery.

(Week) Date	To Do BEFORE Class	Plan for DURING Class	To Do AFTER Class (in addition to preparing for the following week)
(1) 9/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Shapiro pp. 1-23, 31-57 • Read Salvia, Ysseldyke, & Bolt Chapter 24 (pdf on Blackboard) • Read BP Data-Based & Collaborative Decision Making Chapter 2 • Watch posted video lecture 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clipboard, timer, pencils Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Course • Introduction to MTSS • Acadience Reading Administration (LNF & FSF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule day/time to do Acadience • Schedule Acadience check-out for after 9/10 • Write Introductory Reflection (on Blackboard)
(2) 9/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in Reflection 1 • Read Acadience Reading Administration Manual pp. 1-7, 13-17, 39-98, 114-119 (pdf on Blackboard) • Watch posted Acadience video demos • Watch posted video lecture 	Sign up for assessment tool presentations Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clipboard, timer, pencils Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acadience Reading Administration (PSF, NWF, ORF w/ Retell) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Acadience check-out • Review assessment tool presentation information & start some initial research
(3) 9/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Shapiro Chapter 3 • Read Shapiro Workbook pp. 7-22, 35-56 • Read BP Data-Based & Collaborative Decision Making Chapters 5 & 10 • Watch posted video lecture 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard/marker Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Ethics • Introduction to Problem-Solving Model • Variables that Affect Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Acadience check-out (if still applicable) • Start Reflection 2 (any time after you complete Acadience Reading hours) • Consult with practicum teacher and send home a case study consent form • Be working on assessment tool presentation

(4) 9/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Daly et al., 1997 (pdf on Blackboard) • Read BP Data-Based & Collaborative Decision Making Chapter 20 • Read BP Student-Level Services Chapter 4 • Read BP Foundations Chapter 26 • Watch posted video lecture 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Ethics • Continue RIOT/ICEL • Functional/Task Assessment • Introduction to Progress Monitoring & Goal Setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Reflection 2 (any time after you complete Acadience Reading hours) • Be working on assessment tool presentation • Work to get consent for a case study student (if not done already) • Review Case Study, Classroom Reading Consultation, and Observation Practice assignment information • Begin practice observations
(5) 10/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in assessment tool presentation/handout (if applicable) • Turn in Reflection 2 • Read Shapiro pp. 133-148, 212-236, 254-272 • Read Shapiro Chapter 5 • Read BP Data-Based & Collaborative Decision Making Chapter 11 • Watch posted video lecture 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard/marker • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Reflection 3 • Work on getting data for Classroom Reading Consultation • Start Case Study (after you get consent) • Conduct practice observations • Write Reflection 4 (any time after you get your presentation video)
(6) 10/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in assessment tool presentation/handout (if applicable) • Read Shapiro Workbook pp. 59-78 • Read/listen to news article/podcast (link posted on Blackboard) • Watch posted video lecture 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard/marker • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Reflection 3 • Write Reflection 4 (any time after you get your presentation video) • Work on parts of Case Study (after consent) • Conduct practice observations • Gather data for Classroom Reading Consultation
(7) 10/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in assessment tool presentation/handout (if applicable) • Turn in Reflection 3 • Read Shapiro pp. 148-158, 237-244, 272-281 • Read Shapiro Workbook pp. 79-96 • Read BP Data-Based & Collaborative Decision Making Chapters 14 & 15 • Watch posted video lecture 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard/marker • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Reflection 4 (any time after you get your presentation video) • Finish Observation Practice assignment • Work on Case Study & schedule meeting once required parts are done • Gather data for Classroom Reading Consultation

(8) 10/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in assessment tool presentation/handout (if applicable) • Turn in Observation Practice • Read Shapiro pp. 158-166, 244-252, 281-288 • Read Shapiro Workbook pp. 97-116 • Read BP Data-Based & Collaborative Decision Making Chapters 12 & 13 • Watch posted video lecture 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard/marker • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing & Spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Reflection 4 (any time after you get your presentation video) • Work on Case Study & schedule meeting once required parts are done • Gather data for Classroom Reading Consultation • Check out & share WISC kits/manuals
(9) 10/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Shapiro Workbook pp. 147-188 • Read Kranzler & Floyd (2013)- Chapter 1 (pdf on Blackboard) • Read BP Foundations Chapter 22 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop with Microsoft Excel Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphing • Introduction to Standardized Tests & IQ Testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Reflection 4 • Work on Classroom Reading Consultation • Work on Case Study • Work on Case Study & schedule meeting once required parts are done • Check out & share WISC kits/manuals
(10) 11/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in Reflection 4 	No class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Classroom Reading Consultation • Work on Case Study
(11) 11/12*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read WISC-V manual pp. 21-54, 77-188 (Plan ahead as you must share; we have 6 complete kits and 2 extra manuals) • Watch demo videos on Blackboard <u>prior</u> to class 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC kits & manuals • Clipboard, timer, pencils • WISC Questions Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC Administration & Scoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review WISC manuals & video demos as needed • Schedule WISC with second year (for WISC peer protocol) • Sign up for WISC Instructor Check-out • Schedule second case study meeting (meeting can be e-mail check-in) • Finish Classroom Reading Consultation
(12) 11/19*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in Classroom Reading Consultation 	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC kits & manuals • Clipboard, timer, pencils • WISC Questions Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC Administration & Scoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Reflection 5 • Finish WISC Peer Protocol • Prepare for WISC Instructor Check-out (if applicable)

(13) 11/26	No class (Thanksgiving)		
(14) 12/3**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<p>Online Synchronous Class</p> <p>Have Nearby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC kits & manuals <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC Administration & Scoring • Brief intro to WISC Interpretation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Reflection 5 • Finish WISC Peer Protocol • Prepare for WISC Instructor Check-out (if applicable)
(15) 12/10**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in Reflection 5 • Turn in WISC Peer Protocol • Read BP Foundations Chapters 24 & 25 • Read Salvia, Ysseldyke, & Bolt Chapter 28 (pdf online) 	<p>Online Synchronous Class</p> <p>Have Nearby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of readings <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems-level & Needs Assessment • High Stakes Testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Reflection 6 • Finish Case Study Report • Prepare & practice Case Study Presentation
(Exams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in Case Study Report • Turn in Reflection 6 • Watch conclusion video • Case Study Presentations to be scheduled in small group virtual meetings • Individual virtual meetings for WISC Feedback to be scheduled throughout week 		

* *Possibly* no face-to-face sessions if course instructor must quarantine after travel. Online sessions would be provided both days at scheduled class time.

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