



WMS-5: ADMINISTRATION AND SCORING OVERVIEW

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Course Description

This 3.5-hour interactive session introduces the fifth edition of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale® (WAIS-5), a cognitive assessment used with adolescents and adults. Updates to the WAIS-5 relative to its predecessor (WAIS-IV) will be reviewed with a focus on updated norms, new subtests, new indexes, the new five-factor structure, and other revisions. Hands-on practice with administration and scoring, specifically with new features, will be provided.

Learner Outcomes

After completing this learning track, participants will be able to:

1. Describe changes to the test structure and framework
2. Implement administration of new subtests
3. Differentiate primary, ancillary, and expanded index scores
4. Discuss typical score profiles for special populations

Time-ordered Agenda

60 minutes	Introduction to the new WAIS-5 test administration, including the calculation of the Full Scale IQ and primary index scales
60 minutes	Review of the new subtest administration and scoring, including Running Digits, Set Relations, Symbol Span, Naming Speed Quantity, and Spatial Addition
90 minutes	Review of the composite scores and the ancillary index scales, including a review of the expanded index scores, the domain-specific index scores, and the summary index scores

About the Presenters

Kathleen Murphy-Eberenz, Ph.D., PSYPACT certified, is a licensed clinical psychologist with over 20 years experience in academic, healthcare, pharmaceutical and clinical research industries. Kathleen earned her doctorate from Drexel University and has worked with populations across the lifespan. She has experience conducting academic, clinical, cognitive, and diagnostic assessments for a broad range of indications, including learning, cognitive, behavioral, and emotional disorders. She has developed coursework and supervised graduate students as well as other professionals in conducting assessments, providing treatment, and collaborating on research programs. Her approach to assessment, clinical work, research, professional development, and training is grounded in a culturally informed framework, evidence-based practice, and data driven problem solving to conceptualize cases, plan treatment, and deliver targeted interventions.

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