

BASC-4: A comprehensive system of behavioral & emotional assessment

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Course Description

The emotional and behavioral needs of today's youth continue to evolve and require assessment tools that reflect current research and support high-stakes educational decision-making. This session examines key enhancements in the BASC-4, including updated norms, new narrowband Mood Disorder, ASD (autism spectrum disorder, and ADHD (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder) Scales, and expanded content scales designed to capture contemporary student profiles accurately and comprehensively. Participants will learn how BASC-4 composite and scale scores, clinical indexes, and Emotional Disturbance Qualification Scales (EDQS) can be applied to differential diagnosis and IDEA eligibility determinations, with a focus on ED, while continuing to provide evidence-based links to interventions that work.

Learner Outcomes

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

1. Identify key enhancements in the BASC-4 and explain how updated norms and new scales reflect current research and population trends
2. Interpret BASC-4 composite scores, content scales, clinical indexes, and EDQS to support differential diagnosis of emotional and behavioral concerns
3. Apply BASC-4 data to IDEA eligibility determinations with a specific focus on alignment with criteria for Emotional Disturbance (ED)
4. Integrate BASC-4 results into multidisciplinary evaluation practices to support valid, defensible, and educationally meaningful decision-making

Time-Ordered Agenda

10 minutes	Welcome & framing the evolution of BASC-4
20 minutes	What's new in BASC-4
35 minutes	New narrowband clinical scales
15 minutes	Choosing normative reference groups: Which one and why
35 minutes	Clinical interpretation & differential diagnosis
20 minutes	BASC-4 and IDEA eligibility (Emotional Disturbance focus)
20 minutes	Integrating BASC-4 into multidisciplinary practice
25 minutes	Live Q&A with the author

About the Presenter

Cecil R. Reynolds, PhD, ABN, ABPdN is the author of more than 300 scholarly publications and author or editor of over 50 books including *The Energetic Brain* and the *Handbook of Clinical Child Neuropsychology*. He is the author of more than 50 commercially published tests including the Behavior Assessment System for Children. Dr. Reynolds holds diplomates in Clinical Neuropsychology and in Pediatric Neuropsychology. He was elected a Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow of the National Academies of Practice in 2012. He is Emeritus Professor of Educational Psychology, Professor of Neuroscience, and Distinguished Research Scholar at Texas A & M University.

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