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Personality Assessment
(SPA)



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PROFICIENCY IN PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT

INFORMATION FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

Personality Assessment is a
recognized proficiency by
the American Psychological
Association's (APA)
Commission for the
Recognition of Specialties
and Proficiencies in
Professional Psychology
(CRSPPP).

Proficiency in Personality Assessment

What is a Proficiency?

- The APA's Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) describes a proficiency as a distinct procedure, technique, or applied skill set in professional psychology within which one develops competence.

The Proficiency in Personality Assessment

- Available via the Society for Personality Assessment (SPA)
- Entails the use of empirically-supported measures of personality and psychological functioning in various settings to foster understanding and inform interventions and behavioral prediction
- Requires meaningful integration of information from multiple sources into a written report that provides a basis for useful feedback

Why is Proficiency Important?

- Provides a basic set of expectations for all licensed psychologists providing personality assessment services
- Supports the concept of using assessment to understand the "whole person"
- Establishes a standard of practice intended to provide accurate and helpful assessments

The Application and Recognition Process

- Submit a Curriculum Vita, a summary of training in personality assessment, and a de-identified assessment report
- Materials are reviewed by three psychologists with established expertise in assessment
- Receive detailed feedback on report utilizing a formal review form

- Reviewers make a recommendation to the SPA Board whether the applicant is deemed proficient
- Approval by SPA Board of Trustees for formal recognition
- Receive a certificate and have credentials available on the SPA website
- **No consequences if not deemed proficient and can reapply at any time**

Why get Recognized?

- A formal way to verify your skills for colleagues, third party providers, and clients
- Enhance the field of assessment by maintaining adequate standards of practice

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www.personality.org