

WAIS®-5 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

Dr. Blake graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 2014. She completed her internship at the Youth Opportunity Center and her postdoctoral fellowship at the Riley Hospital for Children Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center. Dr. Blake was an assistant professor at the IU School of Medicine. She was the clinical director of headache clinic and the associate clinic director of consultation liaison. Dr. Blake transitioned to private practice in 2022 where she provides psychotherapy and psychological assessments. Dr. Blake has provided psychological assessments across a variety of settings including juvenile detention centers, schools, inpatient hospitals, outpatient centers, and residential treatment centers. Dr. Blake completes assessments for ADHD, ASD, Intellectual Disability, learning disorders, and clarification of diagnosis. She is well versed in a variety of Pearson assessments and utilizes them in her practice.

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