



WAIS®-5 Overview Live Webinar

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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. Giselle Farrell is a licensed school psychologist specializing in early childhood assessment, intervention, and family engagement. With over a decade of experience in public school systems across New Jersey, she has served as a Child Study Team member, and Preschool Intervention and Referral Team Specialist, providing professional learning and consultation on topics such as social-emotional development, autism, and the special education process. Dr. Giselle also works as an independent evaluator, partnering with districts and agencies to promote equitable, culturally responsive assessment practices. Her background includes contributing to early childhood research and assessment development through collaborations with organizations such as WestEd and Sesame Workshop. She earned her doctorate in School Psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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