

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. Participants will be able to earn 3.5 CE's or 3.5 CPDs.

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

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Dr. Alexander Quiros specialized in clinical assessment with an emphasis on forensic evaluations and bilingual assessments/ psychotherapy with all age groups before earning his PhD in Clinical Psychology. For two years he worked as a staff psychologist at the San Antonio State Hospital, a psychiatric hospital treating and assessing severe mental illness, before accepting a position as clinical director of a psychosocial rehabilitation clinic at Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Throughout his career, he also taught graduate and undergraduate level courses at Texas A&M University, St. Mary's University, Our Lady of the Lake University, and University of Phoenix. He completed his MBA in Corporate Finance while working as a Healthcare Assessment Consultant for Pearson where he trained and provided consultation services globally to professionals who use Pearson assessment tools. Currently, Dr. Quiros is a Clinical Scientist at WCG-VeraSci where he reviews data, provides scientific consultations to investigators, and assists with the translation and cultural adaptation of measures. Most recently, he has started to pursue a certification in Data Analysis. Why? Because, as he likes to say, "I'm Always Learning."

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