

# Introduction to Forensic Assessment

This webinar is designed for those clinicians moving into forensic assessment from more traditional clinical settings. It will consider the important similarities and differences between clinical and forensic work, including critical legal and ethical issues regarding the concept of informed consent in different kinds of evaluations. The focus will then shift to what are called functional legal capacities, and cover in depth the way different assessment instruments may be reconceptualized in order to use them in forensic settings. Special consideration will be given to the development of instruments for assessment of trauma and malingering.

## Target Audience

Psychologists  
Therapists  
Social Workers  
Psychiatrists  
Counselors  
Nurses  
Course Level: Intermediate

## Learning Objectives

- At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:
1. Describe the differences between clinical and forensic assessment.
  2. Identify important legal and ethical issues regarding informed consent.
  3. Define the concept of functional legal capacities.
  4. Describe the necessary modifications of traditional psychological testing in forensic settings.
  5. Identify new developments and cautions in the use of trauma assessment and assessment of malingering.

## Seminar Schedule

This seminar runs from 1-4:15 PM Eastern Time.

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## Outline

Begin 1 PM ET

Clinical and Forensic Assessment  
Competency To Stand Trial  
Psychological Tests in Forensic Practice

Break 2:30-2:45 PM ET

Criminal Responsibility  
Trauma Testing  
Malingering Testing

End 4:15 PM ET

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## The Presenter

Dr. David Shapiro has been called the Father of clinical forensic psychology. His first book on forensic assessment appeared in 1983 and was the only book at that time to approach forensic assessment from the point of view of actual issues encountered in practice rather than from a theoretical basis. Since that time, he has authored five more textbooks and four dozen peer reviewed articles dealing with the interface of psychology and law. His comprehensive approach to forensic assessment has been widely distributed and used as models for various books and training programs.

Dr. Shapiro is a Diplomate in Forensic Psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology and has been actively engaged in forensic practice for over forty years. He is currently a Professor of psychology at Nova Southeastern University and teaches courses in forensic assessment, criminal law, ethics and professional practice, supervision and consultation, projective personality assessment, and risk assessment for future violence. He regularly provides forensic and ethics training at a variety of national forums, including APA and ABPP.

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