

Research Tool: Child Assessment

To be certified on a research tool in Child Assessment, a student must submit documentation establishing competence on two (2) components:

1. **Conceptual component** – basic principles of child assessment. Students must complete a four (4) unit course in child assessment. This course includes relevant discussion of the developmental background of assessments, training, and supervised experience in test administration. Students complete a minimum of seven (7), two-hour psycho-educational or developmental assessment batteries with children across a broad age-range (2 ½ to 18). Students gain competency in or an introduction to:
 - a. IQ assessment across a broad age span using the Wechsler Intelligence scales.
 - b. Academic assessment using a variety of educational measures for school-aged children.
 - c. Assessing language and cognitive pre-requisites for academic skills.
 - d. Assessing social and behavioral development.

2. **Practical component** – utilize basic principles to assess culturally, linguistically, or cognitively diverse children or those with atypical developmental backgrounds.

Students *design* and *conduct* two-hour assessments on three children. To encourage assessment of the whole child, each assessment must include coverage of social, cognitive, and academic domains. A proposal for the specific test setting to be used on each child must be approved by the examiner prior to conducting the assessment. These assessment plans are presented as research reports, providing a detailed discussion of: (1) the hypothetical clinical or research situation in which the test battery will be used; (2) the social, cognitive, and academic skills assessed; (3) and a rationale for the test battery chosen. After conducting the assessments, the student will write-up a comprehensive report detailing the analysis of their findings for each of the three children assessed.

Professor Pat Hodges currently teaches Child Assessment. Documentation for credit in the Child Assessment Research Tool should be submitted to her.