

Neuropsychological Evaluations

How can a neuropsychological evaluation help?



This type of evaluation focuses on assessing the link between an individual's brain and how they think, learn, process information, and behave. It can help clarify why someone is having trouble at home/school/work, their pattern of strengths/weaknesses, and how they learn best. It can also track changes over time.

How does it differ from other evaluations?

School evaluations (aka Psychoeducational Testing) are focused on academic skills or performance. Psychological testing looks at basic intellectual, academic, and personality/behavioral factors.

A neuropsychological evaluation looks at all areas of a person's functioning and integrates information across many domains. This makes it easier to determine true factors contributing to everyday difficulties and allows the provider to rule out other possible explanations. Through this comprehensive lens, individuals receive accurate diagnoses and effective treatment options. Results can be used to get classroom, work-related, and/or standardized testing accommodations such as extended time or special education services. In all cases, recommendations are tailored so that individuals can achieve their full potential in any setting.

When is neuropsychological testing helpful?

An evaluation may be recommended if there is:

- trouble paying attention or difficulty with learning/processing.
- behavioral, emotional, or social difficulty.
- a history of medical conditions/injuries that can impact functioning.
- a history of interventions or prior evaluations that are not helping.

Who is qualified to do this testing?

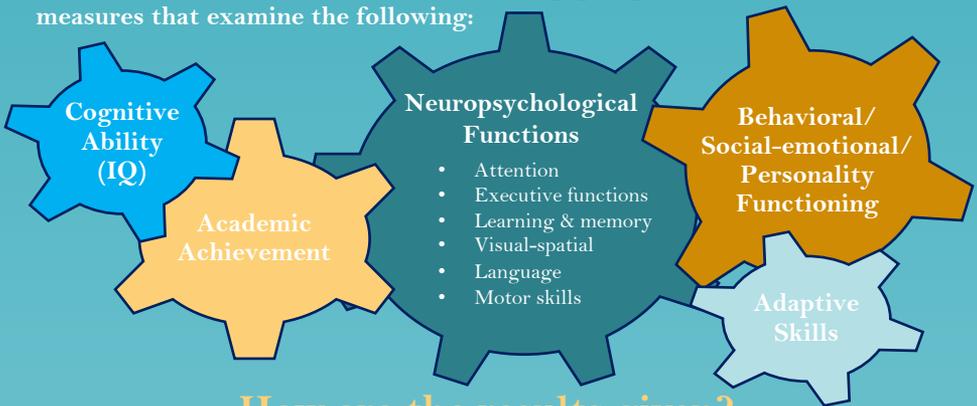
Neuropsychological testing is conducted by a licensed clinical psychologist who has had 2 years of specialized neuropsychology post-doctoral training.

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What steps are involved?



A comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation is typically conducted over several sessions and includes many pieces. The evaluator will talk with you (and separately with your child if applicable) for background information, consult with teachers and/or other providers working with you and your family, do standardized testing activities, and review important documents and records. Evaluations use iPad-based or paper/pencil norm-referenced measures that examine the following:



How are the results given?

Integrated findings are provided through a verbal feedback session and in a detailed written report. The report outlines testing results, applicable diagnoses, and recommended interventions for home, school/work, mental health professionals, and other providers.

Who do I contact to find out more?

Referrals for testing are often made by school personnel, physicians, mental health professionals, other allied health professionals, or from individuals/parents directly. If interested, please speak with your mental health professional or contact us as listed below.



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