Psych 544C- PRACTICUM IN ADULT ASSESSMENT
(Fall Semester 2006)

Seminar Objectives: To provide knowledge and experience with the assessment of individual adult cognitive functions. This class is truly a practicum class and the majority of the work will be in the gaining of knowledge and experience by “doing” rather than by reading.

Yet, psychological assessment can only be learned in a combination of academic and clinical experience. This seminar is designed to offer hands-on experience with different aspects of the WAIS-III and WMS-III. Thus, there will be 5 WAIS-III and 4 WMS-III administrations due from 09/06/06 -11/29/06. In addition, there will be 4 reports due ranging from basic to more integrated products. A WISC-IV can be substituted for up to 2 WAIS-III’s and a WIAT-II for a WMS-III.

Class Requirements: This class will only meet for 15 weekly class periods. Thus, class attendance is mandatory. There will be no allowable unexcused absences for the semester. If the student is ill or has an immediate crisis he/she will be asked to clear the absence with the instructor before the class. If the student misses one week he/she may be asked to quit the course under the instructor’s discretion. The work assignments include some reading, practice with administration, WAIS-III and WMS-III administrations and write-ups. Late work will not be accepted. There will not be any midterm or final examination.

Class Schedule: Wednesday’s 12:10-3:00 P.M.  Carver 190

August 23:  Introductions, Review of Syllabus.  Introduction to testing, assignment of testing materials
Assignment:  Read Chapters 1-3 in Kaufman

August 30:  Administration of WAIS-III (with partner)
Assignment Chapter 4 in Kaufman, complete administration with partner

September 6:  WAIS-III # 1 (partner) is due, discuss interpretation of WAIS-III
Assignment:  Complete 2nd WAIS-III administration
September 13: WAIS-III # 2 is due, The Mental Status Evaluation
Assignment: complete MSE on 3rd person, read Chapter 6 in Kaufman

September 20: The Psychological Report.
Assignment: Complete 3rd WAIS-III and write up 1st report.

September 27: 1st report (20%) with MSE and WAIS-III (3rd) results are due
The WIAT-II and LD Evals
Assignment: Lichtenberger, Chapters 1-3

October 4: Assessment of Memory and the WMS-III
Assignment: complete WMS-III (1) with partner, Lichtenberger, Chapter 4

October 11: First WMS-III is due (no report) continued work with memory
Assignment: Start WMS-III (2) on new person, Lichtenberger, Chapter 5

October 18: 1st WMS-III report (2nd report) (20)% is due with outside person
Assignment: start 1st of combined reports

October 25: WMS-III WAIS-III interactions
Assignment: continued combined report

November 1: 3rd Report due (30%) for WMS-III (3), WAIS-III (4) and MSE
Assignment: start last of combined reports

November 8: Continue with working on combined reports

November 15: The Personality Assessment System (PAS)

November 29: 4th Report due (30%) with WMS-III (4), WAIS-III (5)

December 6: Discussion of Reports that are handed back, Course Evaluations
The relative weights for class grades are as follows:

50% Class participation and completion of write-ups
50% Grades on 4 reports

TEXTS:

Essentials of WAIS-III Assessment
Alan S. Kaufman and Elizabeth O. Lichtenberger

Essentials of WMS-III Assessment
Elizabeth O. Lichtenberger, Alan S. Kaufman and Zona C. Lai

OFFICE HOURS: 9 am- Noon Friday
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I look forward to a fun and rewarding class.