

ASSESSING PSYCHOLOGY TRAINEE COMPETENCIES: CΨPRS ONLINE



Supervised field placements are essential in the training and credentialing of psychologists and other clinical practitioners. As supervisors directly observe trainee performance across a wide variety of real-life situations, and over an extended period of time, their judgments of competence must accurately reflect the expertise and skills of the trainee.

CΨPRS (*Clinical Psychology Practicum Competencies Rating Scale*) is an **online** assessment tool that allows supervisors to rate trainee competencies against **developmental stages: Stage 1 Beginner through to Stage 4 Competent.**



WHAT DOES CΨPRS MEASURE?

At mid- and end-placement, trainees are assessed across 10 competency domains:

- Counselling
- Clinical assessment
- Case conceptualisation
- Intervention
- Ethical attitude and behaviour
- Scientist-practitioner approach
- Professionalism
- Psychological testing
- Reflective practice
- Response to supervision

HOW DOES IT WORK?

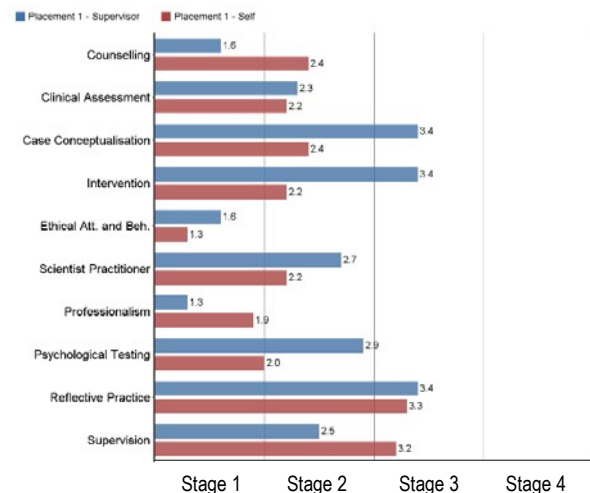
Using a slider, supervisors provide their student with an overall rating for each domain. They also rate their student on a series of specific sub-domain items. This allows for a **precise measure of particular skills and competencies.**

7. Professional Skills Effective organisation and time management for client care and management. Clear and professional expressive skills, professional dress and demeanour. Good interactional skills with colleagues and other professionals.	Overall Rating			
	Stage 1 Beginner	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4 Competent
a) Ability to effectively structure and manage therapy time (e.g. prioritise, set limits, finish sessions on time).	●	●	●	●
b) Completion of professional tasks (e.g. evaluations, notes, reports, contacting clients, arriving promptly at meetings and appointments) in time.	●	●	●	●
c) Demonstrates an organised, disciplined approach to writing and maintaining notes and records.	●	●	●	●
d) Ability to organise and clearly present case material, and professional reports for a range of consumers.	●	●	●	●

WHAT DOES CΨPRS OFFER?

CΨPRS provides a measure of trainee competency that is **stage-based, comprehensive, effective and reliable.**

- Measures trainee competencies using developmental stages as criteria
- Comprehensively measures 10 essential competencies
- Easy-to-use ONLINE tool
- Accurate and reliable
- Easy to administer
- Electronic storage of assessments
- Capacity for provision of comprehensive reports that track ratings over multiple placements (including self-rating)



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Our team of highly experienced clinic directors and researchers from 10 Australian and 2 international universities is currently undertaking research to measure the reliability and validity of the online CΨPRS assessment.

You are invited to trial our online sample CΨPRS assessment at

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/vmp/about_the_cyprs.

If you would like more information about the project, please visit

<http://www.uws.edu.au/vmp/home> or email the Project Officer at OLTProjectOfficer@westernsydney.edu.au

