

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

You have expressed an interest in psychological testing for yourself or your child. It is important for you to be acquainted with the process and fees of psychological testing prior to proceeding.

I pride myself in conducting thorough psychological evaluations using the most up-to-date measures to ensure accurate norm referencing and appropriate diagnosing. A good evaluation will assess aspects of an individual's cognitive, achievement, social, emotional, attention, and behavioral development and functioning. Thorough assessment allows for accurate diagnosing and recommendations while ruling out disorders with similar symptomology. A good evaluation should consist of gathering background information, acquiring feedback of symptoms through standardized rating scales, face-to-face standardized testing, and behavioral observation.

The evaluation process involves an intake interview with the client or parents (if child or adolescent) to gather background history and current complaints, approximately 4-6 hours of one-to-one testing with the individual, 5-7 hours of test scoring and report writing, and a feedback session. The fee for evaluations is \$150 per session/hour and the initial intake session is \$200 for the session. Most evaluations take approximately 12 hours and cost approximately \$1850. Evaluations may vary in time spent and cost depending on the individual needs of the assessment.

Some insurance plans cover psychological testing. It is your responsibility to check with your insurance carrier for specific information regarding your coverage. To appropriately discuss psychological testing with your insurance company, let them know you are seeking payment for one session (intake) of code 90801 and 10-13 sessions of 96101. Please inform me or my billing service regarding the type of insurance you have, as each plan is somewhat different in the amount the patient has to pay per visit, the number of visits covered, and the type of billing required.