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Psycho-Educational Assessment and Consultation Services

About My Practice

PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTATION SERVICES

Psycho-educational assessments are often requested to secure information needed to determine the best instructional approaches for students who are struggling in one or more academic areas. Assessments are also used to assist in the identification of learning challenges and conditions such as Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder or Specific Learning Disability and their impact on learning, school performance, and the student's ability to be fairly assessed using standardized or classroom-based testing. When these issues arise, psycho-educational assessments can assist in identifying needs for instructional and testing accommodations that support student success.

Psycho-educational assessments are tailored to the needs of the student being assessed. Typically, they involve the administration of tests to determine the student's capabilities using an IQ test, and the student's profile of learning strengths and weaknesses using diagnostic tests that examine cognitive processes such as memory, perception, and executive functioning. In addition, the assessment will include the administration of standardized tests of academic achievement in the areas of Reading, Written Expression and Mathematics. When learning challenges are identified in one or more academic area, additional diagnostic tests may be needed to help pinpoint specific areas that will need remediation and the best approaches to remediate them. In addition to direct testing of the student, the assessment will involve an interview of the parent(s) and the completion of questionnaires and/or rating scales by the parent(s) and one or more teacher. The assessment will yield answers to the questions that led to the request for assessment and will provide prescriptive recommendations for parents and teachers to support the student's success. A feedback meeting will be scheduled with you to review the findings of the assessment and discuss the recommendations.

ASSESSMENT SESSIONS

Prior to the scheduling of the assessment session, you and I will determine what questions need to be addressed by the assessment and how the assessment will be structured. I will explain to you the areas of assessment I recommend and give an approximation of the time that will be involved for face-to-face testing. Comprehensive psycho-educational assessments are usually conducted in two or more sessions lasting 2 to 4 hours each. When assessments are conducted in a single day, breaks are given to the student to help maintain their stamina for testing and to promote their best performance. **Once an appointment is scheduled, you will be expected to pay a cancellation fee unless you provide 24 hours advance notice of cancellation or unless we both agree that it was due to circumstances beyond your control.** Missed appointments will be rescheduled at the earliest mutually convenient time.

CONTACTING ME

I am in my office by appointment only. My office phone is a mobile phone that I monitor and answer during the work day as I am able. When I am in the office, I will answer the phone only if I am not with a client. When I am unavailable, my telephone is answered by a confidential voice mail system that I monitor frequently. I will make every effort to return your call on the same day you make it, with the exception of weekends and holidays.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The law protects the privacy of all communications between a patient and a psychologist. The legal limits to the confidentiality of our communications is outlined in section III of the Notice given to you along with this brochure.

PROFESSIONAL FEES

<i>Service Type</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Comprehensive Psycho-Educational Assessment (depending on the need for supplemental diagnostic testing)	\$2800-\$3200
Assessment Feedback Session (60-90 minutes)	Pro-rated based on \$180/hr.
Telephone Consultations Lasting more than 10 Min.	\$45.00/ea. 15 min.
Other (for each hour spent)	\$180.00
Court testimony and preparation (prorated per each hour spent)	\$275.00

BILLING AND PAYMENTS

You will be expected to pay 50% of the assessment fee at the initial testing session, and the balance at the assessment feedback session. Payment may be by cash, check, PayPal (+3% processing fee) or Venmo (+1% processing fee). A 1.5% late payment fee will be added for each 30 days payment is past due. After 90 days, if the account is unpaid, and arrangements for payment have not been agreed upon, I have the option of using legal means, such as a collection agency or small claims court, to secure the payment. If such legal action is necessary, its costs will be included in the claim.

INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT

If you have a health insurance policy, your out of network benefit may provide some coverage for psycho-educational assessment. I do not participate with any insurance networks and do not investigate insurance coverage for services. If you determine that insurance coverage is available, a claim can be submitted using your out of network benefit. Following payment for the assessment, I will provide you a receipt that contains the information from my office needed for your insurance company to process your claim, or I will complete and sign the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) Form 1500 for you to submit to your insurance provider. If pre-authorization is required, my services to support authorization will be billed pro-rated based on \$180/hr. If you have questions about the coverage or reimbursement of the claims you submit, you may call your plan administrator.

PROFESSIONAL RECORDS

State and Federal law require that I maintain a record of my assessments in your Clinical Record for 6 years or until the client has attained their 21st birthday, whichever is longer. The Clinical Record is kept confidential and disclosed only in accordance with the terms and procedures outlined in the Privacy Notice given to you along with this document.