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**Table 2. Summary Guidelines for Evaluating Professional Expert Qualifications**

**Professional Expert Qualifications Checklist: Psychological Specialties**

**Knowledge Competence Base (APA Ethics):**

- Remains aware of general trends in the relevant neuropsychological literature and incorporates current knowledge into regular practice.
- Uses up to date neuropsychological tests and norms and considers important demographic characteristic of individuals in making interpretations.
- Appropriately acknowledges limitations in current knowledge.
- Seeks rigorous peer review to ensure competence.
- Can discuss relevant research literature accurately, without notes.
- Limits practice to boundaries of competence, seeking consultation as appropriate.
- Is fully trained in a specialty or has earned a diplomate of a specialty board in Clinical Neuropsychology, and is qualified by experience or demonstrated competence in the subject of the case.
- Is familiar with the clinical practice of the specialty or the subject matter of the case at the time of the occurrence, and has been actively involved in the clinical practice of the specialty or the subject matter of the case for three of the previous five years at the time of testimony.

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**Professional Expert**

**Qualifications Checklist: Brain Injury**

**Professional Organizations:**

- (A) Current Memberships
- (B) Current Committee Memberships
- Brain Injury Association
- International Brain Injury Association
- State Brain Injury Association
- American Psych Assoc., Div 40, 22 Only

**Specialty Conference Attendances:**

- (A) # Attendances at Last Three Meetings of...?
- (B) # Presentations at Last Three Meetings of...?
- Brain Injury Association
- International Brain Injury Association
- State Brain Injury Association
- American Psych Assoc., Div 40, 22 Only

**Professional Journal Familiarity:**

- (A) Do You Currently Subscribe to...?
- (B) Have You Read "...." (Latest Issue Article in)...?
- Brain Injury
- Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation
- NeuroRehabilitation
- Archives of Neurology
- Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

**Specialty Area Clinical Treatment Experience:**

- # Clinical Patients Personally Treated (excluding assessment; > 5 hrs) in the past 12 months
- # Clinical Patients Personally Assessed (not technician; > 5 hours)
- Publication Record:**
- # Publications in Recognized Specialty Journals the last three years
- # Publications in Books in Specialty Area in the last three years
- # of Editorial Positions with Specialty Journals or Organizations
- Recognized quality of the work
- Presentations and Talks in Area of Expertise:**
- # Lectures in Specialty Area in last three years
- # Lectures at Relevant National or International Specialty Organization Meetings
- # of Clinical, Scientific, Academic and Administrative positions held
- Manner of gaining appointments in positions held

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**Professional Expert Qualifications Checklist: Neuropsychology**

- Professional Organizations:**
- (A) Current Memberships
- (B) Current Committee Memberships
- National Academy of Neuropsychology
- International Neuropsychological Society
- APA: Division 40
- APA: Division 22 (secondary relevance)
- Specialty Conference Attendances:**
- (A) # Attendances at Last Three Meetings of...?
- (B) # Presentations at Last Three Meetings of...?
- National Academy of Neuropsychology
- International Neuropsychological Society
- APA: Division 40
- APA: Division 22 (secondary relevance)
- Professional Journal Familiarity:**
- (A) Do You Currently Subscribe to...?
- (B) Have You Read "...." (Latest Issue Article in)...?
- Journal Of Clinical & Experimental Neuropsychology
- The Clinical Neuropsychologist
- Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society
- Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology
- Neuropsychology Review
- Applied Neuropsychology
- Neuropsychology
- Neuropsychological Rehabilitation
- Journal of Forensic Neuropsychology
- Neuropsychologia
- Specialty Area Clinical Treatment Experience:**
- # Clinical Patients Personally Treated (excluding assessment; > 5 hrs) in the past 12 months
- # Clinical Patients Personally Assessed (not technician; > 5 hours)
- Publication Record:**
- # Publications in Recognized Specialty Journals the last three years
- # Publications in Books in Specialty Area in the last three years

- # of Editorial Positions with Specialty Journals or Organizations
- Recognized quality of the work
- Presentations and Talks in Area of Expertise:**
- # Lectures in Specialty Area in last three years
- # Lectures at Relevant National or International Specialty Organization Meetings
- # of Clinical, Scientific, Academic and Administrative positions held
- Manner of gaining appointments in positions held

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**EXPERT OPINION: COMPETENCY / CREDIBILITY WEIGHTING**

(Last Three Years)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Organization Memberships
- \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Meeting Attendances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Meeting Presentations (Total #)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Journal Subscriptions, Reading (Total #)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty Direct Clinical Treatment Experience
- \_\_\_\_\_ Publication Record
- \_\_\_\_\_ Talks and Presentations in Relevant Area of Expertise
- \_\_\_\_\_ Relative Competence / Credibility Score

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**Table 1. Summary Guidelines for Evaluating Professional Expert Qualifications**

**Professional Expert Qualifications Checklist: General**

- **Knowledge Competence Base (derived from A.P.A. Ethics and P.M. &R. White Paper):**
- Remains aware of general trends in the relevant neuropsychological literature and incorporates current knowledge into regular practice.
- Uses up to date neuropsychological tests and norms and considers important demographic characteristic of individuals in making interpretations.
- Appropriately acknowledges limitations in current knowledge.
- Seeks rigorous peer review to ensure competence.
- Can discuss relevant research literature accurately, without notes.
- Limits practice to boundaries of competence, seeking consultation as appropriate.
- Is fully trained in a specialty or has earned a diplomate of a specialty board in specialty area (i.e., Chronic Pain Management), and is qualified by experience or demonstrated competence in the subject of the case.
- Is familiar with the clinical practice of the specialty or the subject matter of the case at the time of the occurrence, and has been actively involved in the clinical practice of the specialty or the subject matter of the case for three of the previous five years at the time of testimony.

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**Professional Expert Qualifications Checklist: Chronic Pain**

- **Professional Organizations:**
  - (A) Current Memberships
  - (B) Current Committee Memberships
- American Academy of Pain Management
- American Pain Society
- American Academy of Pain Medicine
- International Association for the Study of Pain
- Canadian Pain Society
- World Institute of Pain
- State or regional chronic pain associations
- Special national associations with significant pain management components (e.g., American Chiropractic Association, Assoc. for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback)
- Am. Psychological Assoc: Division 22 (1/2 point)
- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (1/2 point)
- **Specialty Conference Attendances:**
  - (A) # Attendances at Last Three Meetings of...?
  - (B) # Presentations at Last Three Meetings of...?
- American Academy of Pain Management
- American Pain Society
- American Academy of Pain Medicine
- International Association for the Study of Pain
- Canadian Pain Society
- World Institute of Pain
- State or regional dedicated Chronic Pain Conferences
- Conferences of specialty national associations with significant pain management components (e.g., American Chiropractic Association, Assoc. for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback)
- Am. Psychological Assoc.: Division 22 – Rehab. Psychology (1/2 point)
- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (1/2 point)
- **Professional Journal Familiarity:**
  - (A) Do You Currently Subscribe to...?
  - (B) Have You Read "...." (Latest Issue Article in)...
- American Journal of Pain Management
- Clinical Journal of Pain
- American Journal of Pain
- Pain
- Cephalgia and/or Headache
- Current Review of Pain
- Cranio: The Journal of Craniomandibular Practice
- Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (1/2 point)
- The Pain Clinic (1/2 point)
- The Pain Practitioner (1/2 point)
- Any Specific Pain related newsletter (1/2 credit per)
- What specialty dedicated chronic pain assessment and treatment books do you own? (author, pub. date)
- **Specialty Area Clinical Treatment Experience (last 2 years / lifetime):**
  - # Clinical Patients Personally Treated (excluding assessment; > 5 hrs total time)

- # Clinical Patients Personally Assessed (not technician; > 4 hours total time)
- **Publication Record (last 3 years / lifetime):**
  - # Publications in Recognized Specialty Journals
  - # Publications in Books in Specialty Area
  - # of Editorial Positions with Specialty Journals or Organizations
  - Recognized quality of the work (each)
- **Presentations and Talks in Area of Expertise (last 3 years / lifetime)**
  - # Lectures in Specialty Area in last three years
  - # Lectures at Relevant National or International Specialty Organization Meetings
  - # of Clinical, Scientific, Academic and Administrative positions held
  - Manner of gaining appointments in positions held

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 Additional Disability Evaluator Qualifications Checklists may be Relevant  
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**EXPERT OPINION: COMPETENCY / CREDIBILITY WEIGHTING**

(Last Three Years Total Score and/or Last Two Year Total Score)

- \_\_\_\_ Professional Organization Memberships
- \_\_\_\_ Professional Meeting Attendances
- \_\_\_\_ Professional Meeting Presentations (Total #)
- \_\_\_\_ Professional Journal Subscriptions, Reading (Total #)
- \_\_\_\_ Specialty Direct Clinical Treatment Experience
- \_\_\_\_ Publication Record
- \_\_\_\_ Talks and Presentations in Relevant Area of Expertise
- \_\_\_\_ Relative Competence / Credibility Score