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Standard Guide for Minimum Training Requirements for Examiners Conducting Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD) Testing of Sex Offenders in Treatment, Probation or Other Similar Programs¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide establishes the minimum training required for PDD examiners engaged in the psychophysiological detection of deception (PDD) examinations for applications with individuals in treatment, or probation or parole for sex offenses.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

E 2000 Guide for Minimum Basic Education and Training of Individuals Involved in the Detection of Deception (PDD)²

E 2062 Guide for PDD Examination Standards of Practice²

E 2080 Guide for Clinical Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD) Examinations for Sex Offenders²

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *basic PDD training*—the initial training required to administer PDD (polygraph) examinations which is set forth in Guide E 2000.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice is intended to ensure that those individuals who are administering PDD examinations of sex offenders are proficient in such testing techniques.

5. Minimum Requirements for a Qualifying Curriculum for PDD Testing of Sex Offenders

5.1 The required number of minimum hours of advanced special training to qualify for sex offender testing is 40 h.

5.2 A minimum of 24 h of training must be in the primary area of sex offender PDD testing to include:

5.2.1 Techniques of sexual history disclosure testing,

5.2.2 Techniques of specific offense issue testing,

5.2.3 Techniques of maintenance testing,

5.2.4 Techniques of monitoring testing,

5.2.5 Instruction in validated PDD testing formats,

5.2.6 Pretest interview procedures and formats,

5.2.7 Use of PDD examinations in the treatment and supervision process, and

5.2.8 Appropriate legal requirements or restrictions.

5.3 A minimum of 16 h of specialized training must be given on topics which directly relate to the treatment and supervision of the sex offender. The topics shall include, but are not limited to:

5.3.1 Behavior and motivation of sex offenders,

5.3.2 Trauma factors associated with victims or survivors of sexual assault,

5.3.3 Overview of the assessment and treatment modalities for sex offenders, and

5.3.4 Sex offender denial.

5.4 Instructors in course material related to PDD testing must meet the minimum ASTM standards of a primary instructor for a PDD basic course. Additionally, that instructor shall possess professionally recognized expertise in sex offender testing.

5.4.1 All instructors of sex offender testing courses relating to treatment and supervision shall be qualified by appropriate credentials and experience in the areas of their instruction. They need not be PDD examiners.

6. Sex Offender Testing Course Admission and Certification Requirements

6.1 All PDD examiners attending the polygraph instruction portion of a sex offender testing course of instruction must be graduates of a basic polygraph examiner training course meeting the minimum requirements set forth in Guide E 2000.

6.2 Non PDD examiners who are involved in the clinical, treatment and supervision of sex offenders who attend the sex offender testing course will not be eligible to be certified to practice as PDD examiners, as a result of attending this course.

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