



Mississippi Board of Nursing

713 S. Pear Orchard Rd., Plaza II, Suite 300, Ridgeland, MS 39157

MSBN Criteria for Board-Approved Assessor:

1. The assessor is an expert in the field, e.g. an addictionologist, or a clinical psychologist, or has a minimum of a master's level in counseling, psychology, or social work, and is licensed by the proper board(s) for his or her profession. A copy of the diploma and license shall be provided to the Board of Nursing and updated annually, or sooner if needed, to reflect the current licensing status.
2. The assessor must have a minimum of five [5] years of experience working with individuals that are employed in the healthcare field and that have issues related to substance use.
3. The assessor must understand public policy and safety issues and how to function when performing assessments for third-party referrals.
4. The assessor will consult with nurses regarding functioning in the field of nursing, the nursing setting, potential risks, and ethical implications of the situation in order to make Fitness for Duty recommendations, including but not limited to, recommendations/limitations on number of hours, hours of the day, field setting, prohibited areas of practice, etc.
5. The assessor must review accounts related to the allegation(s) with a Board of Nursing staff member prior to making any recommendations.
6. The assessor must broaden the sources for evaluation and receipt of collateral information, such as conducting telephone interviews with employers, co-workers, and family members, as deemed necessary.
7. The assessor must provide a minimum of three [3] credible references.
8. The assessor must utilize the following assessment tools, at a minimum: SASSI-4, current DSM for accurate diagnosis, ASAM criteria-based recommendations for treatment, and CAGE assessment.
9. The assessor must possess and provide a certificate reflecting the completion of SASSI training for Administration and Scoring and Clinical Interpretation.
10. The assessor must administer and/or refer a nurse for a drug screen [minimum of 10 panel].
11. The assessor must provide a complete bio-psycho-social, DSM-based diagnosis [including Rule-Out, if needed] or reason/s for lack of diagnosis, copies of all drug screen results, a copy of the SASSI-4 with results and interpretation, CAGE results, recommendations for treatment following ASAM criteria, a Fitness for Duty report, mental health treatment recommendations and a copy of the Release of Information for MSBN. All reports should be provided on the proper letterhead of the assessor and must include the date of the assessment, the date of the drug screen/s, and the date the report is being provided to the Board of Nursing.
12. All assessments should be provided to the Board of Nursing within three [3] business days of the date of assessment. If the assessor is unable to meet the deadline, the assessor must contact the Board of Nursing within three [3] days of the assessment to provide the expected date for receipt and the basis for such delay.
13. The assessor must complete all criteria for each assessment performed, and failure to do so will result in the assessor being removed from the Board of Nursing Approved Assessor list.

Approved Assessor List for the Board of Nursing

[approved by the board 07.18.2025]

Kristen Cauley, LCSW, CSAT, CMAT, CPSSS – Healing and Hope Therapy, LLC

Location: 144 S. Thomas St., Spanish Village I, Suite 209.3
Tupelo, MS 38801

Phone: 662.816.4674

Services: Drug Screen, Bio-psychosocial Assessment, DSM, CAGE, CAGE-AID, SASSI-4, ADAM

Time: 2-4 hours

Fees*: \$500.00 minimum

Kerri L. Cunningham, LCSW, LAC, CCS- Victory Addiction Recovery Center

Location: 111 Liberty Ave.
Lafayette, LA 70508

Phone: 337.456.9111

Services: Urine Drug Screen, SASSI, DSM-V, ASAM

Time: 1-day Assessment

Fees*: \$400.00

Geralyn Datz, Ph.D. – Southern Behavioral Medicine Associates, PLLC

Location: 1 Commerce Dr., Suite 106
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: 601.255.1618

Services: MMPI-2RF, PAI, AUDIT, BASC, SASSI, DAST, Psychometric Testing Evaluation 4-6 hrs.

Time: 2 hours Clinical Interview

Fees*: Cost is dependent upon the complexity

Baxter Hogue, LPC – Imagine Behavioral Health

Location: 1920 Dunbarton Dr.
Jackson, MS 39126

Phone: 601.982.5376

Services: SASSI 4, BDI BAI, Life Events Checklist, DSM-V

Time: 90 minutes to 120 minutes

Fees*: \$500.00

Benjamin Hudson, MD, MPH, MA, Board Certified Addictionologist

– New Wind Recovery

Location: 1113 Jackson Ave.
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Phone: 228.697.7379

Services: Urine Drug Screen, SASSI, DSM-V, Bio-psychosocial Interview, BDI-BAI

Time: 3 hours plus

Fees*: \$500.00 - \$1000.00

Alyssa Ellis Killebrew, Ph.D. – Killebrew Psychological Services

Location: 210 West Jackson St.
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Phone: 769.231.9414

Services: MCMI-VI, MMDI, DIOP, mini Book Series, MMSE, WAIS-IV, WRAT 4

Time: 1-6 hours

Fees*: \$250.00-\$1000.00

Tony T. Lee, Ph.D., LPC-S, NCC- William Carey University

Location: 710 William Carey Pkwy

Hattiesburg, MS 38401

Phone: 769.223.3115 Email: xlee97@protonmail.com

Services: Urine Drug Screen, CAGE, CAGE-AID, SASSI-IV, DSM-V, MMPI-111 [upon request], BDI, MCMI, GAIN-SS, and Audit

Fees*: \$180 per hour of Assessment and \$50.00 screening

Dr. David Marion, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT – Marion Counseling Services

Location: 4780 I-55 North, Suite 105

Jackson, MS 39211

Phone: 601.956.4816

Services: MMPI, SASSI, Bio-psychosocial Interview, Mental Status

Time: 2 ½ hr. Psychological Assessment 1 ¾ hr. Substance Use Assessment

Fees* \$450.00 psychological, \$250.00 Substance Use, \$600.00 Combined Assessment

Kostas Metheos, LPC-S, LPAT, BC-TMH, CSRTT-S, EMDR II, CSAT

- Bridge to Recovery

Location: 1437 Old Square Rd. Suite 101

Jackson, MS 39211

Phone: 601.977.9353

Services: SASSI, DASS, Eating Disorder Questionnaire, Bio-psychosocial Interview, Post Traumatic Stress Index, Sex Addiction Questionnaire, Confirmed Drug Screen

Time: 3-hour Assessment with additional information as needed

Fees*: \$500.00

Robert Scott, MA, LMFT, CAADC, C-DBT

– Bobby Scott & Associates Professional Counseling

Location: 5627 Getwell Rd. Bldg. C2

Southaven, MS 38672

Phone: 662.510.2192 Fax: 662.470.6153

Services: Bio-psychosocial clinical interviewing, including: DSM V, urine drug screen, SASSI-IV, ASAM criteria evaluation, GAD-7, PHQ-9, Mood Disorder Questionnaire, PCL-C, and ACE if indicated

Time: 2-3 hours

Fees*: \$425.00

Shyra Stubbs, LCSW – The Light Within Therapeutic Services

Location: 770 Water St. Ste 423

Biloxi, MS 39530

Phone: 601.914.4690

Services: BAM-R, AUDIT, CAGE, DAST-10, CRAFFT, RAND-36, SASSI, Bio-Psychosocial, DASS-21, DSM-5

Time: 2-4 hours

Fees*: \$500-\$800

Shelia F. Thomas, MS, LMFT, CSAT – Thomas and Thomas Counseling Group, LLC

Location: 806 West Pine St.

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: 601.544.2199

Services: Beck Depression Inventory, GAD-7, Mood Disorder Questionnaire, SASSI, SAST,
Bio-psychosocial Interview

Time: 90-minute Assessment

Fees*: \$300.00 plus the cost of the drug screen

Claire Winters, MS, LPC-S, NCC- Imagine Counseling

Location: 1018 North Gloster St., Suite F

Tupelo, MS 38804

Phone: 662.813.0401

Services: Bio-psychosocial Assessment, SASSI, and other tools as needed

Fees*: \$250.00 assessment [including drug screen], \$125.00 intake, \$75/hour therapy service [call for insurance-related information]