



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, 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 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 that have issues related to substance use.
3. The assessor must possess an understanding of public policy and safety issues and understand how to function 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 minimum: SASSI-4, current DSM for accurate diagnosing, ASAM criteria-based recommendations for treatment, and CAGE assessment.
9. The assessor must possess and provide a certificate reflecting completion of SASSI training for Administration and Scoring and Clinical Interpretation.
10. The assessor must administer and/or refer nurse for a drug screen [minimum of 10 panel].
11. The assessor must provide a complete bio-psycho-social, DSM based diagnoses [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 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.

Updated by MSBN 10.04.2024

Approved Assessor List for the Board of Nursing

(approved by the board 06/10/2022)

William S. Cook Jr., M.D.

Location: 4500 I-55 N. Suite 256
Jackson, MS 39211

Phone: (601) 366-3660

Services: Urine Drug Screen, Bio-Psychosocial Model, Complete Psychiatric Consultation

William S. Cook Jr., M.D. - Miss-Lou Addiction Clinic

Location: 409 Franklin St.
Natchez, MS 39120

Phone: (601)442-0270

Services: Urine Drug Screen, Bio-Psychosocial Model, Complete Psychiatric Consultation

Time: 75-minute Assessment

Fees*: \$500.00 (insurance billed as courtesy), \$250.00 follow- up visits

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

Location: 111 Liberty Ave.
Lafayette, LA 70508

Phone: (337) 230-8878 Option 1

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

Time: 1-Day Assessment

Fees*: \$400.00

Gerilyn Datz, Ph.D. - Southern Behavioral Medicine Associates, PLLC

Location: 1 Commerce Drive, Suite 106
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: (601) 255-1618

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

Time: 2-hour 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 - \$1000

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

Address: 241 Sunnybrook Rd
Ridgeland, MS 39157
Phone: (769) 231-9414
Services: Assessment Tools: MCMI-VI, MMDI, DIDP, Mini Beck Series, MMSE, WAIS-IV, WRAT 4
Time: 1 to 6-hour Assessment
Fees*: \$250.00-\$1000.00

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

Location: 710 William Carey Parkway
Hattiesburg, MS 38401
Phone: (769)223-3115
Email: xlee97@protonmail.com
Services: CAGE, CAGE-AID, SASSI-IV, DSM-V, MMPI-III (upon request), BDI, MCMI-II, GAIN-SS,
& AUDIT
Fees*: \$180 per hour of assessment, \$50.00 screening

Lisa Lippincott, PMHNP- BC CBT

Location: 210 East Main Street, Suite D
Tupelo, MS 38804
Phone: (662)205-6905
Services: Specializes in assessments for psychiatry, depression, anxiety, and substance dependency
Time: One-hour intake and One-hour assessment
Fees*: \$350

Dr. David Marion, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT

Dr. Joyce Cole Marion, Ph.D.

Location: 460 Briarwood Dr., Suite 510
Jackson, MS 39206
Phone: (601) 956-4816
Services: MMPI, SASSI, Bio-Psychosocial Interview, Mental Status
Time: 2 ½ hour Psychological Assessment; 1 ¾ hour Substance Use Assessment
Fees*: \$450.00 \$250
Combined Assessment
\$600.00

Kostas Matheos, MA, CSAT, EMDR II, LPC-5 - A Bridge to Recovery

Location: 361 Towne Center Blvd. Suite 1300
Ridgeland, MS 39157

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

Kevin M. Passer, M.D. - Detox Clinic of South Mississippi

Board-Certified in Child, Adolescent, and Adult General and Addiction Medicine

Location: 5317-4 Old Highway 11
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: (601) 261-9101

Services: NIDA Quick Screen VI.0, DSM V

Time: 3-hour Assessment

Fees*: \$1200.00 (includes Report and Drug Test)

Robert Scott, MA, LMFT, CAADC, C-DBT - Bobby Scott & Associates Professional Counseling

Location: 5627 Getwell Road Bldg. C2
Southaven, MS 38672

Phone: (662) 510-2192

Fax: (662) 470-6153

Service: Bio-psychosocial clinical interviewing including DSNV assessment; Tools: urine drug screen, SASSI-IV, ASAM Criteria Evaluation, GAD-7, PHQ-9; Mood Disorder Questionnaire, PCL-C and ACE if indicated

Time: 2.0-3.0 hours.

Fees*: \$425.00 (includes all tools, drug screen, and clinical interview)

Sheila F. Thomas, MS, LMFT, CSAT - Thomas and Thomas Consulting Group, LLC.

Location: 806 West Pine St.
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Phone: (601) 544-2199

Services: Beck Depression Inventory, Generalized Anxiety Disorder 7-Item (GAD-7) Scale, Mood Disorder Questionnaire, SASSI-4, 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 Street, Suite F
Tupelo, MS 38804

Phone: (662)813-0401

Services: Bio-Psycho-Social Assessment, SASSI 4, and other tools as needed

Fees*: \$250 assessment (including drug screen), \$125 intake, \$75/hour therapy services
(call for insurance-related information)