

APA PsycTests®

Conduct, create and measure research





Introduction

Researchers, faculty and librarians at universities, hospitals and in other medical and academic settings require access to high-quality resources that help to facilitate, rather than restrict, seamless research practices. Those in the psychology and behavioral health services community face the daunting challenge of finding trustworthy materials that:

- Promote the efficient discovery of comprehensive content coverage
- Provide access to the latest high-quality research
- Simplify the identification of psychological tests and measurements available for download
- Allow for the extensive and thorough research of historical content
- Offer a diverse, substantiated collection of publication material from around the globe
- Expedite the research process
- Enable filtering results by methodology and other limiters

In today's high-tech world, clinicians, professors and nurse educators pressed for time seek resources that meet all of these criteria and have real-world applications. [APA PsycTests](#), a database produced by the American Psychological Association and offered through EBSCO, is an unparalleled resource used by academics, librarians and medical practitioners worldwide to conduct, create or measure research. The database serves as an authoritative source of structured information about tests of interest to a variety of fields, directly responding to the problems and challenges often encountered by researchers in behavioral health disciplines.



Use Cases for APA PsycTests

1) Efficient Discovery of Comprehensive Content Coverage

Use Case: An academic librarian is tasked with supporting college students as they conduct extensive, qualitative research for their senior theses projects and develop their own surveys and assessments.

APA PsycTests contains access to more than 74,000 records, providing resources in more than 40 languages. Full-text tests are available as PDF downloads or multimedia files and are sourced from a variety of places, including authors, articles, book chapters, dissertations, technical reports, and The Archives of the History of American Psychology Test Collection.

APA PsycTests coverage includes:

- Aggression, Coping, or Functional Status Questionnaires
- Aptitude and Achievement Measures
- Attitude, Interest, and Values Scales
- Competency Measures
- Culture, Racial, and Ethnic Identity Scales
- Developmental Measures
- Educational Measures
- Intelligence Tests
- Military Tests
- Neuropsychological Assessments
- Occupational Measures
- Personality Assessments
- Physical Health-Related Assessments
- Resilience, Anger Response, or Emotional States Questionnaires

Each record in the database links to at least one additional resource describing the development, review or use of the research instrument. These records may also include links to peer-reviewed literature, technical reports or dissertations. When available, APA PsycTests also includes supporting documentation such as instructions, answer sheets and scoring guides.

2) Latest High-Quality Research

Use Case: An experienced medical librarian is helping a novice nurse practitioner find relevant, up to date resources that can be referenced for use at the point of care.

APA PsycTests provides monthly updates with new content and corrections to previously published material to ensure that all researchers are receiving access to the latest information. Coverage spans more than 100 years, but a strong emphasis is placed upon current research instruments.

All of the measurement tools included in APA PsycTests are compiled through a systematic review of peer-reviewed journals published by APA, Hogrefe Publishing Group and other large publishers. Professional indexing with links to APA PsycInfo® records and available supporting source documents creates a one-of-a-kind authoritative resource for measurement tools essential to the needs of researchers in the psychology and the behavioral and social sciences sphere. Moreover, the bibliographic specialists who create the records as found in APA PsycTests are highly experienced experts in their respective fields. Their meticulous work focuses on information accuracy and thorough indexing, which together yield effective search results.

In support of ongoing updates, a restructured record format was recently designed and implemented on APA PsycTests to improve usability. Other refinements that have been made to the database include enhancements to the Test Type, Source Citation and Source Used fields.

3) Simplified Access to Downloadable Materials

Use Case: A psychology professor wants to reference tests to leverage for teaching without needing to contact authors for permission.

APA PsycTests provides access to thousands of actual test instruments, most of which are available for immediate download and use in teaching and research. Professionally indexed, APA PsycTests makes it easy to download select research instruments, including a wide range of reliable measures that are not made commercially available. Focused primarily on unpublished tests, this database was also designed to save professors and researchers time from having to reproduce data when conducting research on previously measured constructs.

Full-text tests and research instruments are made available as PDF downloads or as multimedia files. Instructors can refer to the record's Permissions field to easily determine if a test may be used for teaching in a classroom setting.

4) Extensive Historical Coverage

Use Case: A sociology faculty member is examining the ways in which interview practices and other forms of research strategies have developed and evolved over time.

APA PsycTests is easy to use and users can simply select the database and enter a search term or terms, such as "eating disorders" on EBSCOhost's Basic Search Screen to get started. It is simple to refine the search by applying the full text, peer-reviewed and date limiters, or by clicking on one of the subject headings to generate a list of test records with that subject heading applied.

The EBSCOhost mobile app enables busy practitioners to access APA PsycTests on the go. It is also easy for practitioners to share the metadata for test records with their colleagues, by clicking the "Share" button and sharing via email, Google Drive, OneDrive or creating a link.

5) Diverse, Substantiated Content

Use Case: A professional researcher is conducting a study and needs to develop a survey or other kind of test for a diverse group of participants to take that is void of bias and will reflect accurate findings.

As noted, APA PsycTests offers a wealth of authoritative content that spans a variety of test types. Extensive coverage along with thousands of research instruments makes APA PsycTests an ideal starting point for researchers initiating new research projects.

The indexing employed in APA PsycTests allows for intuitive searching and browsing, providing detailed results using a variety of customized fields, including construct and research instrument type. Professional researchers looking to analyze specific instrument types, such as surveys, can do so by filtering by instrument type. Professional researchers can also gain access to descriptive information about each test and its development and administration in order to model their own research off the published, high-quality materials as found in APA PsycTests. The descriptive information may contain metadata on administration method, population groups involved, APA PsycTests Classifications and more. Furthermore, the methodology filter allows researchers to analyze reliability and validity factors so they may follow similar, objective-based test practices when creating their own study. Increased efficiency via search fields such as Factors/Subscales and Test Methodology supports the discovery of diverse, trustworthy content.

In further support of diversity, APA PsycTests is international in scope and select measurements are available in more than 40 languages.

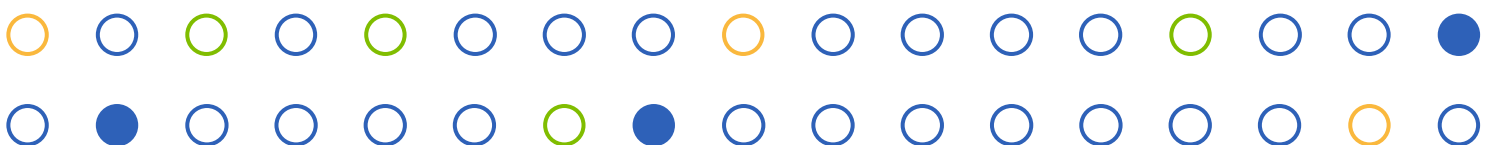


6) Expediting the Research Process

Use Case: A professional researcher has a limited amount of time to gather information and wants to determine what tests have been completed in their given field of study.

With APA PsycTests, researchers can determine what tests have been completed in their field of study to learn from the results and gather data in a time-efficient manner. Researchers can determine whether tests were successful or unsuccessful and examine the results accordingly, as well as analyze the studies that were difficult to perform. In this way, data does not have to be reproduced when previously measured constructs exist and can be found via the database.

Filters and limiters provide additional options for refining searches and accessing relevant, applicable materials, saving researchers time that they can spend elsewhere.



7) Filtering by Instrument Type, Methodology and Other Limiters

Use Case: A medical counselor is asking questions of a patient during the intake process in order to reach a diagnosis.

Inventories and questionnaires can be found within the APA PsycTests database for those looking to develop their own set of questions based on medically-sound and evidence-based practices. Using the instrument type filter, medical counselors and nurse practitioners can select the appropriate instrument type that they wish to analyze, further limiting results by selecting other filters on the advanced search screen.

The following main areas can be browsed within APA PsycTests:

- **Test Type:** Indicates whether a record is an original test, a revision of an existing test, a translation of a test, or a subtest in relation to records listed in the Other Versions field
- **Search by author, test type, construct, factors, subscales, or year.**
- **Rich records** that include bibliographic descriptors (e.g., keywords, language, index terms, release date).
- **Instrument Type:** Controlled list indicating the primary testing category.
- **Supporting Documentation** includes answer sheets, instructor guides and test manuals, test materials, checklists, and other related materials to provide further background on methodology of test.
- **Construct:** Psychological construct being measured.
- **Source Citation:** Provides a list of the APA Style® citations of APA PsycInfo and APA PsycExtra® records where the test is used. These citations will be labeled “development”, “review”, or “use”, to indicate how the source used to create the test record relates to the test described in the source.
- **Methodology:** Search for records that have used specific psychometric analyses or specific methodologies.
- **Permissions:** Answers the question, “Can I use the test for my research?” by identifying permission guidelines for each test.
- **Population/Population Details:** Controlled vocabulary that describes the population to which the test was administered.

A complete field guide to the terms as they appear on APA PsycTests is made available via the [APA's website](#).

Conclusion

Obtaining access to APA PsycTests entails a wealth of proven benefits to academic scholars and medical clinicians seeking to conduct, create or measure research for personal or professional purposes. In summary, APA PsycTests offers:

- 71,000+ records
- Monthly updates to professionally indexed material
- Full-text tests available as PDF downloads or as multimedia files
- Coverage spanning 100+ years, with a strong emphasis on current research instruments
- Select measurements available in more than 40 languages
- The ability to avoid the reproduction of data, saving researchers time
- A wealth of limiter and filtering options to narrow search results



Resources

Interested in obtaining APA PsycTests for your academic or medical institution?

To learn more, please visit the following resources:

From the APA:

- [APA PsycTests Overview](#)
- [APA PsycTests Fact Sheet](#)
- [APA PsycTests FAQ](#)
- [APA Field Guide](#)
- [APA PsycTests Video Snippet Tutorials](#)

From EBSCO:

- [APA PsycTests Product Description](#)
- [Psychology Resources of the APA Product Guide](#)
- [APA Databases for Hospitals and Medical Institutions Product Guide](#)
- [Getting Started Handout for APA PsycBooks and APA PsycTests](#)