

ANDREW JUSTIN THRASHER III

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dr. Andrew J. Thrasher III, PhD is a licensed clinical psychologist, combat-deployed Army veteran, and forensic examiner with over two decades of experience spanning military, clinical, and medico-legal settings. He holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University and a post-doctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology from Fairleigh Dickinson University, both APA accredited programs. He served as a brigade psychologist in the United States Army including a combat deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support. Appointed to sanity commissions across multiple Louisiana parishes, Dr. Thrasher has completed over 100 court-ordered forensic psychological evaluations and provided expert witness testimony in Louisiana district courts. Broadly trained across personality, cognitive, effort, and neuropsychological assessment instruments, with active forensic practice centered on the Personality Assessment Inventory, MacArthur Competency Assessment Tool, and Test of Memory Malingering. He accepts referrals from courts, attorneys, and insurers for forensic evaluations, independent medical examinations, competency assessments, and medico-legal consultations throughout Louisiana. A fee schedule is available upon request.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Psychologist, State of Louisiana
Louisiana License: 1412 | Expiration: 31 July 2026
National Provider Identifier: 1902144645

EDUCATION

Fairleigh Dickinson University (APA accredited)

Jan. 2016 – Mar. 2018

Teaneck, New Jersey

- Post-Doctorate Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology

Fielding Graduate University (APA accredited)

Sep. 2006 – 2013

Santa Barbara, California

- PhD in Psychology with emphasis in Clinical Psychology
- Master of Arts in Psychology with emphasis in Clinical Psychology

McNeese State University**Aug. 2001 – Dec. 2005**

Lake Charles, Louisiana

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor: Criminal Justice
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder across military, civilian, and medico-legal populations, with particular interest in evidence-based assessment of combat-related PTSD and complex trauma presentations in forensic and disability contexts.

Psychological assessment with emphasis on effort measures, response validity, and personality assessment. Particular interest in the Personality Assessment Inventory as a forensic and clinical instrument.

Clinical psychopharmacology and the intersection of medication management and psychological assessment, informed by post-doctoral graduate training in psychopharmacology at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

DISSERTATION

Problematic Internet Usage: The Relationship between Comorbid Anxiety Disorders, Self-Medication, Neuroticism, and Sensation Seeking within a DSM-5 Conceptualization Aug. 2013

Chair: Ray Hawkins, PhD

Examined the relationship of pathological Internet use and personality traits using the Five-Factor Model as an overarching theoretical framework. Predictor variables included sensation seeking, neuroticism, worry, and social anxiety.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**Behavioral Health Clinic LLC****May 2017 – Present**

Bossier City, Louisiana

Position: Private Practice Clinical Psychologist, Owner

Owner and provider of private practice clinic specializing in forensic psychological evaluations, veteran compensation and pension examinations, Social Security disability consultative examinations, Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) psychiatric clearance examinations, and private clinical services. Appointed member of sanity commissions across multiple Louisiana parishes for Competency to Proceed and Sanity at the Time of Offense examinations. Specialty training in Prolonged Exposure therapy for trauma-spectrum disorders.

US Army Brigade Psychologist, 3/10 BDE**Jan. 2015 – Apr. 2017**

Fort Polk, Louisiana

Position: Brigade Psychologist

Acted as force multiplier at the brigade, battalion, company, and individual level providing rapid behavioral health assessment, consultation, and treatment in garrison and austere environments. Provided consultation to commanders including command directed evaluations, chapter evaluations, and deployment readiness. Administered objective psychological assessments and disseminated

comprehensive reports to commanders and medical providers. Provided security clearance evaluations and aeromedical assessments in coordination with JAG.

US Army TAAC-E BDE Psychologist, Operation Resolute Support **Sep. 2015 – Jun. 2016**

Jalalabad, Afghanistan (FOB Fenty) – Task Force Slugger, 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment

Position: TAAC-E Brigade Psychologist, Combat Deployment

Provided primary behavioral health coverage for 3/10 BDE and embedded units within TAAC-E. Battlefield circulated outside the wire to support outlying FOBs and COPs with critical psychological services. Made rapid dispositions for acute psychopathological presentations and worked with Role I and II triage medical teams supporting critically injured service members. Provided structured traumatic event management following a C-130 crash during initial weeks of deployment. Primary consultant for behavioral health providers within the TAAC-E area of operations.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center – Postdoctoral Residency **Jan. 2014 – Jan. 2015**

Fort Gordon, Georgia | Supervisors: LTC Michael Perry, PsyD, and CPT Mary Markivich, PsyD

Completed postdoctoral training with rotations in advanced military psychology, family medicine, combat and operational resilience (Fort Campbell, KY), and the Traumatic Brain Injury Evaluation and Recovery Program. Only resident responsible for aeromedical evaluations. Lead resident assigned to a multidisciplinary root cause analysis investigation following a critical incident event. First resident of peer group to pass the EPPP and become a licensed psychologist.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center – APA Accredited Internship **Oct. 2012 – Oct. 2013**

Fort Gordon, Georgia | Supervisors: MAJ Derick Oliver, PhD, and CPT Mary Markivich, PsyD

Completed internship with mandatory rotations in health psychology, military psychology, neuropsychology, warrior transition battalion wellness, adult assessment, and inpatient treatment. Managed caseload exceeding 20 individual patients with complex diagnoses. Emergency department liaison for after-hours crisis intervention. Chief intern during adult assessment rotation. Health psychology rotation included pre-surgical education, individual assessment, and post-surgical group therapy for bariatric patients averaging 20 to 40 per month. Successfully defended dissertation and passed both required transition to practice exercises.

Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital – Practicum **Oct. 2011 – May 2012**

Fort Polk, Louisiana | Supervisors: Mike Gallagher, PsyD, and MAJ Patrick Hayes, MD

Performed intake interviews, therapeutic intervention, and medical boarding processes for active duty soldiers returning from Afghanistan. Provided psychotherapy notes and narrative summaries using the AHLTA system working with soldiers of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

Counseling Services of Southwest Louisiana – Practicum **Jul. 2011 – Oct. 2011**

Lake Charles, Louisiana | Supervisor: Larry Dilks, PhD

Specialized practicum assessing victims of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Administered and interpreted the Rorschach and MMPI-2. Conceptualized treatment plans and completed integrated psychological reports for legal and psychological referral sources.

Alexandria VA Medical Center PTSD Unit – Practicum **Oct. 2010 – Dec. 2010**

Alexandria, Louisiana | Supervisors: Leslie Drew, PhD, and Kelly Pears, PhD

Performed intake interviews, assessments, and treatment plans for PTSD unit. Provided evidence-based cognitive-behavioral and prolonged exposure therapies to multi-era veterans. Conducted suicide risk assessments, inpatient rounds, and integrated psychological reports using the VA CPRS system.

Lake Area Neuropsychology Associates – Practicum

Sep. 2009 – Feb. 2010

Lake Charles, Louisiana | Supervisor: Charles Robertson, PsyD

Performed clinical interviews and mental status examinations. Administered and interpreted WAIS-IV, WMS-IV, WRAT-IV, and PAI for disability, rehabilitation, and legal referral sources. Produced integrated psychological reports for multiple referral sources.

McNeese Counseling Center – Practicum

Jun. 2007 – Jun. 2009

Lake Charles, Louisiana | Supervisor: Larry Dilks, PhD

Performed clinical interviews, assessments, and treatment plans. Provided evidence-based cognitive-behavioral therapies for individuals and couples. Assessed learning disabilities for the Students with Disabilities Center and evaluated campus security candidates.

FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Military (2012 – 2017)

- Command Directed Mental Health Evaluations
- Mental health clearances for Chapter evaluations including personality disorder, failure to adapt, and misconduct charges
- Line of Duty investigations
- Mental health examinations for Secret and Top Secret security clearance adjudication
- Specialty professions and schools psychological evaluations including submarine duty, recruiter school, and Ranger School
- Specialized aeromedical psychological evaluations
- Lead psychology resident assigned to multidisciplinary Root Cause Analysis team following a critical hospital incident

Civilian (2017 – Present)

- Appointed to sanity commissions across multiple Louisiana parishes to perform court-ordered Competency to Proceed and Sanity at the Time of Offense examinations
- Completed over 100 adult and juvenile Competency to Proceed examinations
- Completed adult and juvenile Sanity at the Time of Offense examinations
- Retained for privately contracted forensic evaluations including workers compensation, interdiction, and specialty psychological assessments

Expert Witness Testimony

- 14th Judicial District Court, Calcasieu Parish – frequent expert witness testimony in competency proceedings, approximately 2018 to 2020
- Judges: David A. Ritchie, Guy Bradberry, Lilynn Cutrer, Michael Canaday, Mitchell Redd, Robert L. Wyatt, Ronald Ware, and Kendrick J. Guidry

- 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish – Judge Luke D. Mitchell, juvenile competency matter

Courts Appointed as Forensic Examiner – Written Reports Submitted

- Bossier, Webster, DeSoto, and Red River Parishes – current sanity commission appointments, written forensic reports submitted per local court practice

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon

MILITARY TRAININGS

Aeromedical Psychology Training Nov. 2013

Fort Rucker, Alabama – Three-week specialized training preparing clinical psychologists to work with pilots and flight crew. Included hypoxia experience in the hypobaric chamber, water survival, and specialized aeromedical evaluation standards.

Traumatic Event Management Mar. 2014

San Antonio, Texas – Army modernized traumatic event management protocols for command briefings following significant traumatic events.

Combat Stress Management Aug. 2014

San Antonio, Texas – Core operations of combat operational stress clinics within deployed settings.

Basic Healthcare Administration Jun. 2014

Fort Gordon, Georgia – Hospital administration, RVU generation, coding, and Army Patient Centered Medical Home.

AMEDD Officer Basic Training Course Jul. 2012

San Antonio, Texas – Seven-week basic training including two-week behavioral health focus for incoming behavioral health officers.

SCHOLARSHIPS

F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program Sep. 2008 – 2010

Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant, US Army. Competitive two-year scholarship in clinical psychology covering full tuition and monthly stipend.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychological Association – Full Member (#50401654) since 2014