

What Every Clinician Should Know About Violence Risk Assessment

The ability to predict future violent behavior has long been an issue for mental health professionals. Initially it was merely assumed that we could make such predictions accurately based on our clinical skills alone. Many decisions in the judicial system hinge on an accurate assessment of violence, such as bond, probation, and parole decisions, commitment to and release from psychiatric facilities, and even whether or not a defendant should be sentenced to death.

Recent research has demonstrated however that such predictions are not as accurate as once assumed and that the methodology used was sadly lacking in validity. A tremendous amount of research has gone into risk assessment for future violence; still, the accuracy remains in question even to this day; nevertheless, judicial decisions are continually made which ignore our limited ability to assess violent behavior. This webinar will explore the factors necessary to do competent work in this area and demonstrate the ways that risk assessment can become more precise.

Target Audience
Psychologists Social Workers Counselors
Therapists Psychiatrists Nurses
Course Level: Advanced

Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the three generations of risk assessment research
2. State the advantages and disadvantages of the actuarial approach
3. Identify how the structured Professional Judgment may be used in Risk Assessment
4. Name the major assessment instruments for risk assessment
5. Name the legal decisions in which courts have accepted and rejected risk assessment research

Seminar Schedule

This seminar runs from 1-4:15 PM Eastern Time.

Outline

Begin 1 PM ET

The need for risk assessment
Methods and assumptions in early work
Research refining ability to predict violent behavior

Break 2:30-2:45 PM ET

Assessment instruments: clinical, actuarial, and structured professional judgment
Legal Implications: expert testimony about violent behavior

End 4:15 PM ET

Our seminars are available in two formats. The first is a live, interactive webinar. If the webinar time is not convenient for you, you can purchase the Home Study version. It is a recorded version of the webinar. You will have to pass a test to earn CE's for the Home Study version.

Continuing Education Credit

To earn CE's, you must attend the entire webinar. No partial credit is available. For both the webinar and the home study version, you will have to pass a post-test with 80% correct and complete a seminar evaluation to earn the certificate. You can take the test up to three times. Participants will earn 3 CE's for attending once they have completed these requirements.

PSYCHOLOGISTS: tzkseminars is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. tzkseminars maintains responsibility for this program and its content.
SOCIAL WORKERS: tzkseminars (Provider # 1242) is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. tzkseminars maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: 3/28/2022 to 3/28/2025. Social workers completing this course receive 3 general continuing education credits.

COUNSELORS: tzkseminars has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6621. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. tzkseminars is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

tzkseminars is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0024.
tzkseminars is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed creative arts therapists #0001.
tzkseminars is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed marriage and family therapists #0003.
tzkseminars is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors #0004.
tzkseminars is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychoanalysts #0002.
tzkseminars is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychologists as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-003.
tzkseminars is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The Presenter

Dr. David Shapiro has been called the Father of clinical forensic psychology. His first book on forensic assessment appeared in 1983 and was the only book at that time to approach forensic assessment from the point of view of actual issues encountered in practice rather than from a theoretical basis. Since that time, he has authored five more textbooks and four dozen peer reviewed articles dealing with the interface of psychology and law. His comprehensive approach to forensic assessment has been widely distributed and used as models for various books and training programs.

Dr. Shapiro is a Diplomate in Forensic Psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology and has been actively engaged in forensic practice for over forty years. He is currently a Professor of psychology at Nova Southeastern University and teaches courses in forensic assessment, criminal law, ethics and professional practice, supervision and consultation, projective personality assessment, and risk assessment for future violence. He regularly provides forensic and ethics training at a variety of national forums, including APA and ABPP.

General Information

The TZKseminars educational planning committee members and this seminar's presenter have no relationship with a commercial interest pertinent to the content of this seminar.

Individuals with a disability or special need can go to tzkseminar.com to the Contact page to request accommodations.

This seminar has been reviewed and approved by Keith Hannan, Ph.D., Phil Rich, LICSW, Daphne Fatter, Ph.D., and Loreen Yearick, MSN, RN. This approval expires on March 1, 2025.

To cancel a registration, go to the Contact page. You will be charged \$30 for any cancelled registration.

If you would like to file a grievance, go to tzkseminars.com and read our Grievance Policy. Then, you can file a grievance on our Contact page. You can also send a written grievance to:



Tzkseminars
103 East Bay View Drive
Annapolis, Md. 21403