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 and a postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology. He served as a brigade psychologist in the United States Army, including a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support. Since 2018, his practice has completed approximately 600 to 700 VA Compensation and Pension psychological examinations and approximately 400 Social Security Disability Determination Services consultative examinations annually. Appointed to sanity commissions across multiple Louisiana parishes, Dr. Thrasher has completed over 100 court-ordered Competency to Proceed evaluations and additional Sanity at the Time of Offense evaluations and has provided expert witness testimony in Louisiana district courts. Broadly trained across personality, effort, and neuropsychological assessment instruments with active forensic practice centered on the Personality Assessment Inventory, The MacArthur Competence Assessment Tool Criminal Adjudication, Test of Memory Malingering, Dot Counting Test, and Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test. 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 in State of Louisiana
LA License: 1412
National Provider Identifier: 1902144645

EDUCATION

Fairleigh Dickinson University (APA-designated program) Jan. 2016-Mar. 2018
Teaneck, New Jersey

- **Post-Doctorate Master of Science** in Clinical Psychopharmacology

Fielding Graduate University (APA accredited program) Sep. 2006-2013

Santa Barbara, California

- **PhD** graduate in Psychology with an emphasis in Clinical Psychology
- **Master of Arts** in Psychology with an emphasis in Clinical Psychology

McNeese State University Aug. 2001-Dec. 2005
Lake Charles, Louisiana

- **Bachelor of Science** Dec. 2005
  - Major: 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

Completed dissertation research examining the relationship of pathological Internet use and personality traits using the Five-factor Model (FFM) as an overarching theoretical framework; examined which predictor variables (sensation seeking, neuroticism, worry, and social anxiety) will be the most influential in predicting pathological Internet use**.**

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Behavioral Health Clinic LLC May 2017-Present
Bossier City, Louisiana

Position: Private practice clinical psychologist

Responsibilities: Owner and provider of a private practice clinic; administrative responsibility for daily operations; private and group psychotherapy; specialty in prolonged exposure, an evidence based protocol to treat trauma spectrum disorders; social security disability evaluations; veteran compensation and pension exams (C&Ps); Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) psychological clearance exams; neuropsychological evaluations; presurgical bariatric and spinal cord stimulator psychological evaluations; appointed member of sanity commissions across multiple parishes for competency to proceed and sanity at the time of offense exams;

private forensic psychological services.

US Army BDE Psychologist Jan. 2015-Apr. 2017
Fort Polk, Louisiana

Position: 3/10 BDE Psychologist
Responsibilities: Served as a force multiplier at the brigade, battalion, company, and individual level by 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 assessments; identified at risk soldiers and informed command with practical recommendations, treatment plans, and prognosis; delivered informational briefings on relevant behavioral health topics at both the command and troop levels; administered objective psychological assessments and disseminated comprehensive reports that allowed commanders and other medical providers to make informed decisions; provided critical assessments to evaluate individuals for security clearances; worked with JAG to perform competency exams for Line of Duty evaluations; utilized a unique aeromedical skill identifier to administer psychological testing and evaluations and offer dispositions for flight based specialties.

US Army TAAC-E BDE Psychologist Sep. 2015-June 2016
Jalalabad, Afghanistan (OB Fenty)

Position: TAAC-E (Operation Resolute Support) BDE Psychologist, Task Force Slugger, 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment
Responsibilities: Provided primary behavioral health coverage for 3/10 BDE and other embedded units within TAAC E; circulated the battlefield outside the wire to support outlying FOBs and COPs with critical psychological services; informed and supported command by making rapid dispositions for acute psychopathological issues; worked with Role I and II triage medical teams to support critically injured service members; worked closely with the flight surgeon to document and assist with end of life care; provided group support and structured traumatic event management for units following a C 130 crash during the initial weeks of deployment; served as primary consultant for multiple behavioral health providers stationed within the TAAC E area of operations.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Postdoctoral Residency
Fort Gordon, GA
Jan. 2014-Jan. 2015
Supervisors: LTC Michael Perry, PsyD, and CPT Mary Markivich, PsyD

Responsibilities: Successfully completed postdoctoral training including rotations in advanced military psychology, family medicine, combat and operational resilience at Ft. Campbell, KY, and the Traumatic Brain Injury Evaluation and Recovery Program; only resident responsible for aeromedical evaluations; lead resident tasked with psychological records review and recommendations for a multidisciplinary root cause analysis investigation team following a critical incident; clinical experience included empirically based treatment protocols, psychological assessment, consultation with healthcare providers and commanders, crisis intervention, supervision and training of behavioral health technicians and interns, and presentations to faculty and peers on advanced topics in military psychology; first resident of the peer group to pass the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and become a licensed psychologist.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center APA Accredited Internship
Fort Gordon, GA

Oct. 2012-Oct. 2013
Supervisors: MAJ Derick Oliver, PhD, and CPT Mary Markivich, PsyD

Responsibilities: Successfully completed internship training including mandatory rotations in health psychology, military psychology, neuropsychology, warrior transition battalion wellness, adult assessment, and inpatient treatment; clinically responsible for a caseload exceeding twenty individual long term patients with complex mental health diagnoses; emergency department liaison tasked with after hours crisis intervention and rapid response evaluations; responsible for advanced clinical reading, self study, and presentation of weekly didactics for interns; chief intern during the adult assessment rotation, responsible for leadership of peers and faculty events; health psychology rotation included presurgical education, individual assessment, and post surgical individual and group therapy for bariatric patients averaging twenty to forty patients monthly; successfully defended dissertation and passed two required transition to practice exercises (TPE).

Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital Practicum
Fort Polk, Louisiana

Oct. 2011-May 2012
Supervisors: Mike Gallagher, PsyD, and MAJ Patrick Hayes, MD

Responsibilities: Performed intake interviews, therapeutic intervention, and medical boarding processes for active duty soldiers; provided intake processing, psychotherapy notes, and narrative summaries (NARSUMs) using the AHLTA computer system; worked with a multidisciplinary team processing and evaluating soldiers of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division following their return from Afghanistan.

Counseling Services of Southwest Louisiana Practicum
Lake Charles, Louisiana

July 2011-Oct. 2011
Supervisor: Larry Dilks, PhD

Responsibilities: Specialized practicum assessing victims of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico; administered and interpreted the Rorschach and MMPI 2; conceptualized treatment plans and completed integrated psychological reports for legal and psychological referral sources; worked actively with outside referral sources to arrange additional services for clients with severe cognitive impairments associated with close contact to hazardous materials during the oil spill cleanup effort.

Alexandria VA Medical Center PTSD Unit Practicum
Alexandria, Louisiana

Oct. 2010-Dec. 2010
Supervisors: Leslie Drew, PhD, and Kelly Pears, PhD

Responsibilities: Performed intake interviews, assessments, and treatment plans for a PTSD unit; provided evidence based cognitive behavioral therapies to individuals and groups affected by PTSD; provided individual and group therapy for multi era veterans from World War II to Iraq; provided prolonged exposure therapy for individual clients; provided suicide risk assessment and safety plans for at risk veterans; assisted with inpatient rounds for the multidisciplinary treatment team; provided individual assessment and treatment for acute suicidal and psychotic inpatient clients; provided integrated psychological reports and therapy notes using the VA's Computerized Patient Record System; provided computerized data entry on clients for the

national PTSD database.

Lake Area Neuropsychology Associates Practicum Sep. 2009-Feb. 2010
Lake Charles, Louisiana Supervisor: Charles Robertson, PsyD

Responsibilities: Performed clinical interviews and mental status assessments of overall client functioning; performed cognitive, personality, projective, and neuropsychological assessments for disability, rehabilitation, and legal services; administered and interpreted the WAIS IV, WMS IV, WRAT IV, and PAI; provided integrated psychological reports for multiple referral sources.

McNeese Counseling Center Practicum June 2007-June 2009
Lake Charles, Louisiana Supervisor: Larry Dilks, PhD

Responsibilities: Performed clinical interviews, assessments, and treatment plans for the counseling center; provided evidence based cognitive behavioral therapies for individuals and couples; performed assessments and learning plans for the Students with Disabilities Center; provided comprehensive interviews and assessment interpretations for campus security positions; worked with a multidisciplinary team to assess and treat veterans with learning disabilities on the GI Bill.

The Institute for Neuropsychiatry Oct. 2006-Dec. 2006
Lake Charles, Louisiana Supervisor: Art Schafer, LPC

Position: Mental Health Assistant
Responsibilities: Worked in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit providing outpatient service to the SPMI (serious and persistent mental illness) population; provided evidence based group social skills training to individuals with schizophrenia, intellectual disability, and personality disorders; provided psychoeducation to clients and families dealing with severe mental illness; provided in vivo individual and group behavioral therapy; assessed client functioning through in home visits; worked with psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers to develop and maintain post hospitalization living plans for clients.

MILITARY TRAININGS

Traumatic Event Management Mar. 2014
San Antonio, Texas

One week course highlighting the Army's modernized traumatic event management protocols for command and subordinate briefings following a significant traumatic event; training focusing on pre-assessment, psychoeducation, and implementation of group briefings in garrison and austere environments.

Combat Stress Management Aug. 2014
San Antonio, Texas

One week course designed to teach the core operations of combat operational stress clinics within a deployed setting; overview of behavioral-health capabilities in coordination with multidisciplinary medical assets within austere environments.

Basic Healthcare Administration June 2014
Fort Gordon, Georgia

One week course focused on hospital administration, RVU generation, coding, and current trend toward Army Patient Centered Medical Home.

Aeromedical Psychologic Training Nov. 2013
Fort Rucker, Alabama

Three-week specialized aeromedical training designed to prepare clinical psychologist to work with pilots and flight crew; heavy focus on personalities and unique behavioral health factors that affect service members in the flight field; training included experiencing hypoxia in the hypobaric chamber, water survival, specialized equipment utilized by flight crews, and basic understanding of the rigorous standards required for flight within the military.

AMEDD Officer Basic Training Course July 2012
San Antonio, Texas

Seven-week basic training with a culminating week-long graduation FTX (Field Training Exercise); two-week specific behavioral health focus preparing incoming behavioral-health officers for their first assignment.

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Awarded to military members who have performed duty within the borders of Afghanistan for a period of thirty consecutive days.

Army Commendation Medal
Awarded to members of the Armed-Forces who distinguished themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service.

Army Service Ribbon
Awarded to members of the Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard for successful completion of entry-level training.

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who deployed abroad for service in the GWOT Operations on or after 11 September, 2001.

Meritorious Service Medal
Awarded to service members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguished themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the United States.

National Defense Service Medal
Awarded to anyone who serves on active duty in the United States military during the Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, or the Global War on Terrorism.

FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Military (2012-2017)

- Command Directed Mental health Evaluations (CDE)
- Mental health clearances for Chapter evaluations (personality disorder, failure to adapt, misconduct charges, etc.)
- Line of Duty investigations
- Mental health examinations coordinated with inspectors and adjudicators for Secret and Top-Secret Clearances
- Specialty Professions and Schools psychological evaluations (submarine duty, recruiter school, ranger school, etc.)
- Specialized Aeromedical evaluations
- Lead psychology resident assigned to Root Cause Analysis team working with an interdisciplinary task force following a critical hospital incident

Civilian History (2017-present)

- Completes approximately 600 to 700 VA Compensation and Pension (C&P) psychological examinations annually since 2018
- Completes approximately 400 Social Security Disability Determination Services (DDS) consultative examinations annually, including cognitive screening with the Mini-Mental State Examination-2 (MMSE-2) or Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) on every referral
- Provided Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) psychological clearance evaluations, including objective testing based fitness for duty assessment, averaging approximately 50 annually (2023 to 2026)
- Objective psychological testing, including the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI), Test of Memory Malingering (TOMM), Dot Counting Test (DCT), and Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test (M-FAST), administered when clinically and forensically indicated, particularly to assess response validity in disability and forensic contexts, consistent with current APA guidance on validity assessment
- Supports C&P medical opinions with citations to peer-reviewed literature, including PubMed-indexed research and leading journals such as JAMA and the New England Journal of Medicine, consistent with VA quality standards for evidence-based rationale
- Appointed to Beauregard, Bossier, Calcasieu, Cameron, DeSoto, Evangeline, Red River, and Webster Parishes Sanity Commissions to perform court-ordered Competency to Proceed and Sanity at the Time of Offense examinations
- Completed 100+ adult and juvenile Competency to Proceed examinations, utilizing the MacArthur Competency Assessment Tool (MacCAT) for adult evaluations
- Completed 5 adult and juvenile Sanity at the Time of Offense examinations
- Retained for over a dozen privately contracted exams to include recidivism risk in sentencing consideration, sexual recidivism risk assessment, Miranda Rights assessment, individual parent evaluation in a custody matter, neuropsychological evaluation (global cognitive functioning and FSIQ), and civil commitment
- Completed a court accepted ex parte guardianship evaluation (2026)
- Added to the independent medical examiner list, Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation Administration (2026)

Courtrooms Testified as Expert Witness

- 14th Judicial District Court – Calcasieu Parish
  - Judge David A. Ritchie's Court
  - Judge Guy Bradberry's Court
  - Judge Lilynn Cutrer's Court
  - Judge Michael Canaday's Court
  - Judge Mitchell Redd's Court
  - Judge Robert L. Wyatt's Court
  - Judge Ronald Ware's Court
  - Judge Kendrick J. Guidry's Court

- 39th Judicial District Court – Red River Parish
  - Judge Luke D. Mitchell's Court

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant US Army; 2-year competitive scholarship in clinical psychology paying full tuition and monthly stipend.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association – Full member since 2014.