

# DIAGNOSTIC PATHWAYS: GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY

A Workshop with Gary G. Gintner, Ph.D., LPC-S

## A WORKSHOP FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Inaccurate diagnosis has many faces: over diagnosing normal behavior, under diagnosing psychopathology, and misdiagnosing one disorder for another. As a result, many may receive the wrong treatment or unnecessary care. This program reviews evidence-based diagnostic skills that have been shown to improve diagnostic accuracy. These critical thinking skills help guide the clinician through the complex diagnostic process. Applications to DSM-5-TR diagnostic issues are discussed including differential diagnosis, ruling out medical and substance-related problems, complex comorbidity and use of DSM-5-TR assessment measures. Special attention is paid to diagnostic issues with ethnoracial and other marginalized groups. Throughout participants are provided with case studies to help them apply these critical thinking skills.

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## WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- State four diagnostic principles shown to improve accuracy.
- Be able to describe how diagnostic hierarchies can be used in the diagnostic process.
- Be able to state at least three considerations when diagnosing those from diverse or marginalized groups.
- State at least three ways to resolve diagnostic uncertainty.

## DR. GARY G. GINTNER

Gary G. Gintner, Ph.D., LPC-S is a retired professor and former program coordinator of the Counseling Program at Louisiana State University. He has published numerous articles on topics such as DSM-5, differential diagnosis, mood disorders, substance abuse and best practices for the treatment of psychiatric and substance use disorders. He is a nationally recognized trainer on the DSM and best practice guidelines. His thirty years of clinical experience includes inpatient care, substance abuse counseling, and outpatient mental health. He is a Fellow of the American Counseling Association and was a former President of the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA).



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