

# **CASE STUDY**

**Board Certification** 

## **OVERVIEW**

Dr. Kyle Clayton, Ph.D., ABPP is a Board Certified Forensic Psychologist and Associate at Price | Proctor, a forensic psychology and neuropsychology partnership practice. Dr. Clayton provides consultation and assessment services to various agencies including federal, local, and private groups in Texas. To earn his board certification, Dr. Clayton sought out training with leading experts in the forensic field.



## Step 1: Evaluate Educational Needs

Dr. Kyle Clayton's educational needs center around earning his forensic board certification and completing continuing education credits. When looking for board certification study material, Dr. Clayton opted for CONCEPT where he felt leading experts from the forensic field were all available in one location. Listed below, but not limited to, Dr. Clayton shared a handful of the top professionals he sought out during his studies.

- Dr. Randy Otto, Ph.D., ABPP
- Dr. David DeMatteo, JD, Ph.D, ABPP
- Dr. Patricia Zapf, Ph.D.

- Dr. Maureen Reardon, Ph.D., ABPP
- Dr. Ira Packer, Ph.D, ABPP

Dr. Clayton prioritized pragmatic and personal presentations from talented specialists in the forensic field to solidify the information discussed in their written resources. He felt the online access to the <u>presenters</u> was a significant advantage over browsing through their research alone.



# Step 2: Customize Specialized Training

To satisfy study requirements, Dr. Clayton explored a range of general programs and specialty training areas. Dr. Clayton chose presenters and topics essential to his forensic psychology private practice and board certification needs. Indispensable skills in his practice include risk assessments, insanity evaluations, competency to stand trial, and case law updates. To hone his forensic skills, Dr. Clayton enrolled in the following programs:

- AAFP: Introduction to Forensic Assessment in Death Penalty
- Best Practices in Competence to Stand Trial
- Evaluation of Criminal Responsibility/Insanity
- Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice
- Evidence for Mental Health Professionals



# Step 3: Browse User-Friendly & Accessible Materials

Whether Dr. Kyle Clayton was on a run or taking the kids to school, CONCEPT's programs were readily accessible and provided user-friendly training in a variety of modalities. Dr. Clayton freely switched back and forth between his laptop and cell phone, noting the excellent picture and sound quality.

Dr. Clayton shared the most important factors were the quality of the presenters, the relevancy of the program topics, and the accessibility of the materials. In addition to highly in-demand professional experts, CONCEPT also provides supplemental resources to help its students succeed professionally and beyond.

- The Business of Practice
- The Thoughtful Counselor Podcast
- Translating Research into Practice







### Step 4: Revisit Professional Network

Dr. Kyle Clayton explained how valuable CONCEPT's programs were in obtaining his Board Certification in Forensic Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). Dr. Clayton referenced CONCEPT as a key hub where everyone can easily connect.

As part of his preparation for a professional presentation, Dr. Clayton revisited his connection to a leading expert in the forensic psychology field, Dr. Patricia Zapf, for reference material. Within the evolving field of forensic psychology, Dr. Clayton described the mentorship available as an advantage over other continuing education programs.

### **OUTCOMES**

With the help of CONCEPT's specialized continuing education programs, Dr. Kyle Clayton now holds his Board Certification in Forensic Psychology. And, Dr. Clayton utilizes his reinvigorated knowledge in his daily private practice while maintaining expansive professional connections.

#### **ADDITIONAL FORENSIC RESOURCES**

For others looking to prepare for their board certification exams, we recommend perusing the below programs

#### **Certificates**

- Criminal Forensic Assessment Certificate
- Civil Forensic Assessment Certificate

#### **Foundational Knowledge**

- <u>Evidence for Forensic Mental Health</u> Professionals
- Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice
- <u>Cultural Considerations in Forensic Mental</u> <u>Health Assessment</u>
- Minimizing Bias in Forensic Decision Making
- Forensic Case Formulation and Treatment Planning
- Reporting Writing for Forensic Evaluation
- Effective Expert Testimony for Forensic Evaluation

### **Criminal Specialty Areas**

- Assessment of Malingering
- Best Practices in Competency to Stand Trial
- Evaluation of Criminal Responsibility/Insanity
- Evaluations for High Stakes Sentencing: Capital and Juvenile Murder Cases

### **Civil Specialty Areas**

- <u>Psychological Evaluation in Personal Injury and Civil Rights Cases</u>
- Forensic & Correctional Applications of the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)
- Personality Assessment in Forensic Evaluation using the MMPI-2-RF
- Evaluation for Workplace Disability

## Dr. Kyle Clayton's Courses

- Evidence for Forensic Mental Health Professionals
- Evaluation of Criminal Responsibility/Insanity
- AAFP: Introduction to Forensic Assessment in Death Penalty
- Best Practices in Competence to Stand Trial
- Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice

