

Work Sample

Once the application has been reviewed and the applicant has been found to meet the prerequisites, the applicant will receive instructions to submit a work sample describing the assessment, diagnoses and treatment of a single person who has a dual diagnosis (IDD/MI). See Appendix C: Work Sample Guidelines. The work sample submitted should be between 5 and 7 pages in length and should concisely address these five competency areas:

- Assessment of Medical Conditions
- Clinical /Behavioral Assessment
- Positive Behavior Supports and Effective Environment
- Psychotherapy
- Psychopharmacology

The following components should be included in the submitted work sample:

1. Formulation/conceptualization of clinical problem(s)
2. Format for intervention
 - a. What were the goals/expected outcomes for treatment or intervention?
 - b. Other interventions that were considered and rejected, if applicable.
 - c. Why the selected intervention was chosen and why the rejected treatments were rejected, if applicable
 - d. Were there modifications or adaptations of standard treatment protocol to meet the unique needs of this individual? If so, briefly describe these modifications/adaptations.
3. Landmark events or salient issues that arose during the course of treatment and how these were addressed within treatment or intervention
4. Reflection on issues that arise within the clinical approach and/or ethical concerns and/or issues relevant to cultural competency
5. How the clinical approach was informed by an understanding of intellectual disability or co-occurring mental illness

Prior to submission of the work sample, the applicant should review it to verify that the submitted content includes consideration of each of above listed competencies and work sample components.

NADD will assign two examiners to review to work sample to determine whether the candidate demonstrates competency in the five areas. If the work sample is found to be acceptable, the interview will be scheduled. The examiners may require submission of additional information – including, in some cases, resubmission of the work sample – before they approve scheduling of the interview.