Why is the EPPP (Part 2-Skills) needed?

Psychology and most regulated professions have embraced the move to competency and the assessment of competence. Until now, the universal standard across all jurisdictions has been the EPPP (Part 1-Knowledge). This has served its purpose very well for over 50 years. However, adding the EPPP (Part 2-Skills) will provide a more thorough assessment of competence.

Skills assessment has been left to each individual jurisdiction to determine based on their own rules. This is most often done by requiring a number of supervised hours, oral examinations, and letters of recommendations. All of these methods have known reliability concerns.

Licensing Boards are charged with ensuring that candidates approved for licensure are competent to practice. Many jurisdictions would like better information about the skill set of their candidates. The EPPP (Part 1-Knowledge) allows candidates to demonstrate a universal standard of foundational knowledge. The EPPP (Part 2-Skills) will provide a valid, reliable and legally defensible measure for regulators to assess their candidates’ demonstration of a universal standard of skills.

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