



**IPDE Interview Technique  
Competence Rating Scale**

<b>Site</b>		<b>Therapist</b>	
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IPDE administration competence is rated on a scale of 0 to 6 where:

0 = poor      1= barely adequate      2 = mediocre      3= satisfactory      4 = good      5 = very good      6 = excellent

<b>Task</b>	<b>Competence 0 – 6</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p><b>Rapport:</b> Interviewer has built a rapport with the client so that the interview takes place fluently and conversationally. There are no over-long silences, signs of irritability, or criticisms. Rather, the interview flows well, with the questions being asked sympathetically by the interviewer and answered reasonably by the interviewee.</p>		
<p><b>Sticking to the IPDE questions:</b> The interviewer sticks to the questions as listed in the IPDE. Rewording makes the question clearer without deviating from the meaning of the IPDE question. Prompts relate to the question that was asked.</p>		
<p><b>Maintaining focus:</b> The interviewer keeps the focus on the question that was asked. If the interviewee drifts off topic, the interviewer draws the focus back to the relevant question. The interviewer does not pursue tangential or irrelevant topics. The interviewer reminds the interviewee that this is an assessment and that time does not allow for all topics of interest or importance to be covered.</p>		
<p><b>Moving on:</b> The interviewer moves on to the next question as soon as enough information has been elicited to answer the current question. The interviewer does not permit unnecessary, lengthy elaborations. Curtailing the interviewee is done sensitively.</p>		

**Acceptable competence is defined as follows:**

Competence: Minimum score of 16, no item below a 3