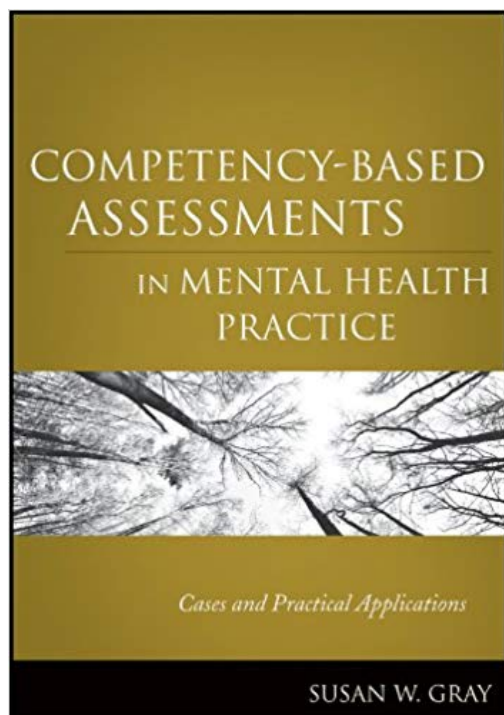


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"Competency-Based Assessments in Mental Health Practice should be required reading for all clinical practitioners and students. Author Susan W. Gray provides a competency-based assessment model that moves away from looking at mental illness as a 'disease' to capturing people's strengths and the uniqueness of their experience with mental illness."—**Alex GittermaZachs Professor and Director of PhD Program**

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A competency-based assessment model integrating DSM classifications for a complete, strengths-based diagnosis

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Great book that is easy to follow and provides very important information for anyone that is completing clinical assessments and diagnosing. Pulls together a strength-based, empowerment approach with the DSM.

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