

About Dr. Hunter

Dr. Hunter received Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (1991) and Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology (1989) degrees from Fielding Graduate University, an American Psychological Association (APA) Approved Program in Clinical Psychology. He has a Master of Counseling Psychology degree from Arizona State University (1981) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Eastern Washington University (1977).

Dr. Hunter is a Licensed Psychologist in Washington and Arizona, and an American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) Board Certified Forensic Psychologist with specialized postdoctoral training in Forensic Psychology and Forensic Mental Health Assessment. He has a Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders granted by the American Psychological Association College of Professional Psychology.

Clinical Work

Dr. Hunter has specialized training in Clinical Psychology, Psychological Assessment, Psychological Treatment, Psychological Trauma, Child Mental Health, Parenting, Child and Family Issues, Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders, and many other areas of psychology. Dr. Hunter is a Designated Mental Health Specialist and Child Mental Health Specialist by the State of Washington.

In addition to and parallel to his academic training, Dr. Hunter obtained extensive experience in Clinical Psychology practice ranging from inpatient hospital treatment of acute mental illness and in outpatient treatment ranging from work with severe clinical and personality disorders, to work with adjustment to life stressors in highly functioning adults, children and families.

Early in his career he became a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and he obtained extensive training in Couple, Family and Child therapy. Over a period of five years he completed an externship in Structural Family Therapy through the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic. He received hundreds of hours of training and supervision in child and family therapy during this externship. He became an Approved Supervisor of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) and developed a State Approved training program for training counselors, social workers, psychologists, and marriage and family therapists to complete experience requirements for licensure in their respective fields. He developed a Supervision of Supervision course of training that was approved by AAMFT for training AAMFT Approved Supervisors and conducted Supervision of Supervision of prospective supervisors. He also conducted training of family practice medical residents in principles of marriage, family, and child therapy applied to the context of outpatient medicine.

After completion of doctoral training he continued for many years providing psychological assessment, psychological evaluation, and psychological treatment to a broad outpatient population in community mental health, with populations ranging from

chronic mentally ill and severely disturbed children, to high functioning families, children, adolescents, and individuals across the life span working with a broad spectrum of disorders.

Throughout his career in clinical work he has designed and administered doctoral practicum and internship training programs in Clinical Psychology, providing consultation, training and supervision to doctoral level student clinicians in clinical psychology. He has provided psychological supervision and clinical consultation to a broad range of mental health programs including outpatient child services, outpatient adult services, seriously behaviorally disturbed children and seriously mentally ill adults, deaf culture clinical services, mentally ill offenders, and other clinical programs.

Dr. Hunter has been adjunct faculty at a variety of educational institutions and core faculty for research design and statistics, psychopathology, life span development, child development, psychological and cognitive assessment, and clinical consultation courses. He has conducted thousands of hours of supervision of doctoral level psychology students in practicum and predoctoral internship placements.

Dr. Hunter has specialized training and experience in the treatment of acute traumatic stress and post-traumatic stress disorder. He developed an emergency response team that was designed to provide services in the community to small and large events after disaster and traumatic events. He has provided hundreds of hours of psychological trauma services to schools, several major airlines, and banks, and presented to national organizations on traumatic stress. He has specialty experience in child and adult trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder assessment and treatment.

Dr. Hunter has a Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders granted by the American Psychological Association College of Professional Psychology and he assisted in the development of specialized programs to treat co-occurring mental illness and chemical dependency.

Dr. Hunter began working in the field of psychology in 1976 as an outpatient therapist. He became licensed in the clinical field as a Marriage and Family Therapist in 1981 and as a Psychologist in 1992. He has more than thirty years of experience as a licensed mental health practitioner and more than twenty years as a licensed psychologist.

Forensic Work

Dr. Hunter provides forensic psychological evaluations and expert opinion, as well as litigation support and consultation for a broad range of criminal, civil and family law applications. Specialty areas include evaluation for psychological damages in civil litigation, CR-35 examinations, parenting evaluation in custody litigation and child protective matters and the standard of practice in these evaluations as well as King County Title 26 Family Law Guardian ad Litem services. He conducts examinations of criminal competencies including Miranda competency, competency to stand trial,

competency to confess and civil competencies such as testamentary capacity. Dr. Hunter conducts examinations of mitigation prior to sentencing for adults and juveniles, transfer evaluations of juveniles and juvenile rehabilitation evaluations and he conducts evaluations for Mitigation in Capitol Sentencing.

As a Forensic psychologist he has been designated an expert witness in King County, Snohomish County, Pierce County, Okanogan County, Yakima County, Benton County, and Clark County Superior Courts, Maricopa County Superior Court, Arizona, Sacramento County Superior Court, California, Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Virginia, and in U.S. District Court (Civil and Criminal) for the Western District of Washington (Federal Court).

Dr. Hunter completed the rigorous steps required to become a Diplomate in Forensic Psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and The American Board of Forensic Psychology (ABFP). This included completion of hundreds of hours of specialized forensic training, a written examination covering the breadth of law and psychology, rigorous professional committee review of multiple written work samples, and a final oral examination by Diplomated examiners for ABPP.

As defined by ABPP, “forensic psychology is a distinct specialty pertaining to the interface of psychology and the law. The receipt of the Diploma in Forensic Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) attests to the fact that an established organization of peers has certified the Diplomate as possessing a high level of professional competence and maturity, with the ability to articulate an explicit and coherent rationale for his or her work in forensic psychology in multiple topical areas. The ABPP diploma has been recognized by judicial decisions, regulations, and statutes in some jurisdictions, as the standard of professional competence in forensic psychology.” The Diploma awarded by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) is the only post-doctoral specialty certification recognized in the American Psychological Association Directory and it is the only Board Specialization with sufficient rigor that APA allows it to be appended as a credential equivalent to academic degrees. There are currently about three hundred ABPP Board Certified Forensic Psychologists.