



Asian Neuropsychological Association

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The Asian Neuropsychological Association (ANA) has voted to endorse the Minnesota Conference Guidelines for Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology (Stringer et al., 2025) following a recent full Steering Committee vote on February 3, 2026 (11 endorse, 1 reject, 2 abstain). Alongside several neuropsychology organizations (AACN, ABCN, ABN, ABPdN, AITCN, APPCN, NAPS, SBN, QNS), our endorsement is reflective of our belief that the updated guidelines represent a significant step forward in the equipping of all future neuropsychologists to understand the influence of culture on brain-behavior relationships and provide culturally responsive care to an increasingly diverse population.

The ANA Steering Committee would like to acknowledge that we do not believe the guidelines, nor the process behind the guidelines, has been perfect, and we empathize with all individuals who may have been negatively affected by the process along the way or feel that the final guidelines do not fully represent their vision for the future of the field. However, the guidelines largely align with ANA's mission to advance practice, training, research, and advocacy within the field of neuropsychology specifically with Asian populations (Madore et al., 2023), and therefore our endorsement represents a support of the underlying spirit of progress that outweighs the noted limitations. We look forward to ongoing collaboration and participation related to future revisions that may take place.

In the spirit of advocacy, we want to clearly highlight that the field's overall endorsement of these guidelines, including the 2-year postdoctoral fellowship requirement, results in a systemic barrier to inclusivity in our workforce. The international trainees that make up a significant portion of our community have inconsistent access to obtaining a second year of postdoctoral training due to visa-related barriers, significantly disadvantaging them for future training, employment, and board certification (Nayar et al., 2025). As we agree with the need for guidelines that will uniformly result in adequate competency and consumer protection, we invite all supporting organizations to collaborate with our efforts to address these barriers at national and institutional levels so that our international trainees may have equitable opportunities consistent with the spirit of the Minnesota Guidelines.

Sincerely,
Asian Neuropsychological Association Steering Committee