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Dr Linda M Eskell Blokland qualifications and experience

MA Clinical Psychology, SA; PhD, UP

I have over 30 years of practice as a clinical psychologist in private practice. As a clinical psychologist I have been trained in my scope of practice is to assess and treat persons with severe psychological and psychiatric conditions as well as with the normal population.

In addition, I have many years of experience in psycho-legal work in the area of child custody and access arrangements.

I have taught in academia at the University of Pretoria in the Department of Psychology for over 25 years until I retired in 2022.

At the university I led the masters professional course in clinical psychology for 7 years. I established and ran the Itsoseng psychology clinic in Mamelodi for over 24 years in which over 500 sessions were provided monthly to the local community. Part of my academic duties included course design, practice and research supervision, and sitting on various academic committees such as the faculty ethics committee.

I was seconded to and ran the Student Counselling Unit for two and a half years.

I regularly assist the Council for Higher Education (CHE) by evaluating programmes in psychology and other social sciences.,

Currently I am a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee for mental health appointed to assist the Minister of the Department of Health.

I am currently the chairperson of the Clinical Psychology Forum for South Africa.



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