

Almost Everything You Need to Do to Evaluate and Develop Scales for Use in Special Populations #154-17

with special guest speaker

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Description: This applied and very practical course focuses on building the skills required to evaluate and develop psychological measurement tools for use with special populations. Beginning with the aim of scoping a scale development project, you will develop and evaluate two psychological tools – one attitude scale, and one knowledge scale. A foreign language translation of a scale will be used to develop skills in adapting and validating an existing measure. You will be introduced to the application of classical test theory and item response theory for item evaluation, with the focus on conceptual understanding of processes rather than a focus on statistics.

Objectives: As a result of this workshop, you will be prepared to:

- Describe the process of scoping a scale development project.
- Demonstrate the ability to develop items for a preference scale (eg attitude/emotional state).
- Analyze a scale using classical test theory and item response theory frameworks.
- Demonstrate the ability to identify good and poor items, and suggest improvements.
- Modify and adapt an existing scale, focusing on capturing the meaning of items (semantic equivalence).
- Develop items for a performance scale (eg knowledge)..
- Demonstrate the ability to evaluate performance items, and suggest improvements.

Recommended for interdisciplinary:
social work, psychology, students,
and other professionals

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Date: Monday & Tuesday, June 12-13, 2017

Time: Program 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Location: Human Ecology Building
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CE faculty: **Shane Costello, PhD**, is a faculty member and lecturer at Monash University in Australia. His research interests are in the study of individual differences (personality and cognitive abilities) and the study of psychometrics, or measurement science, relating to the design, construction, validation, and evaluation of psychological instruments. Dr. Costello also conducts research into mental health and trauma for emergency services workers. Dr. Costello has worked in schools, aged and community care settings, and the disability field. Dr. Costello holds multiple degrees in psychology and a doctoral degree in philosophy. He also consults internationally on the development of psychometric tools.



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