

# 法證評估、法庭報告和專家證人培訓-心理衛生專業證書課程

## Forensic Assessment, Court Report & Expert Witness Training for Mental Health Professionals - Certificate Course

April 24-25 (Sat & Sun) 9:30am-5:30pm 2-Day Intensive Training via Zoom Live Webinar

### Course Trainers

陳文瀚大律師 Mr Edward Chan, Barrister; 何美怡醫生 Dr Robyn Ho, Forensic Psychiatrist  
徐佩宏博士 Dr Ephraem Tsui, Clinical Psychologist; 鄭健榮博士 Dr Sammy Cheng, Clinical Psychologist



Forensic Assessment  
法證評估

Court Report  
法庭報告

Expert Witness  
專家證人

### Course Outlines

#### Part 1. A Legal Perspective (Mr Edward Chan, Barrister)

**Aim:** Gain practical legal knowledge for experts who are enlisted to prepare reports and give evidence in court as experts

##### Areas to be covered:

1. Legal system in Hong Kong
2. Different hierarchy of the courts and tribunals hearing of civil and criminal matters
3. Types of cases requiring the help and evidence from psychologists/psychiatrists/mental professionals
4. Specific legal concepts involving mental health
5. General procedures of court cases
6. The essential elements of a convincing expert report
7. Technique and etiquette in the courtroom
8. Common mistakes of expert witnesses
9. Overall importance & functions of an expert

#### Part 2. Psychological Perspective (Dr Ephraem Tsui)

**Aim:** Learn the major principles in preparing forensic reports and giving effective expert testimony in court

##### Areas to be covered:

1. Different types of court reports
2. Considerations for agreeing or disagreeing to prepare a court report
3. Confidentiality issues in court cases
4. Structure, format, and style of a court report
5. Submitting a court report and supplementary report
6. Preparation as an expert witness in court
7. The essentials of court etiquette for expert witnesses
8. Admission process for an expert witness in court
9. Ways to present expert evidence during examination-in-chief
10. Handling difficult questions during cross-examination

### Target Audience

Psychologists, psychiatrists, medical doctors, social workers, counselors, allied health professionals, legal practitioners, students of mental health or legal studies, and individuals interested in forensic psychology and psychiatry

### Why You Should Attend

- A rare opportunity to learn firsthand from experts about forensic psychological assessment, forensic psychiatric evaluation, court report preparation and expert witness testimony
- Know the legal system involving mental health issues
- Understand the important functions of an expert, techniques and etiquette in the courtroom as well as major principles in giving expert testimony
- Gain insights from legal perspective, psychological perspective and psychiatry perspective

Medium of instruction - training conducted in Cantonese & supplemented with English; lecture notes provided in English

#### Part 3. Psychological Assessment (Dr Sammy Cheng)

**Aim:** Understand forensic psychological assessment

##### Areas to be covered:

1. Differentiate clinical and forensic psychological assessment
2. Know the common forensic assessment tools
3. Understand the significance of symptom validity and performance validity tests
4. Use of various tests with case illustrations

#### Part 4. Psychiatry Perspective (Dr Robyn Ho)

**Aim:** Understand the key elements in forensic psychiatry with case studies

##### Areas to be covered:

1. Concept of forensic psychiatry
2. Interview patients
3. Types of forensic evaluations involving criminal cases
4. Types of forensic evaluations involving civil cases
5. Write professional forensic medical reports
6. Essentials know-how as a good expert witness in court
7. Case studies

**Q&A:** On both day 1 & day 2

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### About the Trainers

- **Barrister Edward Chan** - was educated in the University of Manchester, where he obtained his LLB, before returning to Hong Kong to practice law as a solicitor. He set up Chan, Wong & Lam in 1991. He handled litigation while he was a solicitor, specializing in criminal, matrimonial, commercial and bankruptcy laws and attended trials as an advocate. He became a barrister in 2012. He is currently a Principal Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong and a barrister handling numerous court trials, including appeals in the Court of Appeal and Court of Final Appeal.
- **Dr Robyn Ho** - graduated from medical and psychiatric training in the UK. She later continued her training at Castle Peak Hospital and became a Specialist in Psychiatry in 2008. She also attained a Master in Social Sciences (Criminology) in 2010. From 2005 to 2012, Dr Ho worked in the only Department of Forensic Psychiatry in Hong Kong. She had assessed and managed over 2500 forensic psychiatric patients both in Castle Peak Hospital and Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre and written over 2000 psychiatric reports for court. She was appointed as an expert witness for numerous trials in Magistrate, District and High Courts of HKSAR. Dr Ho authored several popular forensic books including: 《失常罪-法醫精神科醫生的代告白》、《失常罪 2-法網中的異色世界》、《不在場證人-法醫精神科醫生工作手記》.
- **Dr Ephraem Tsui** - completed his clinical psychology training at the Institute of Psychiatry in UK in 1990. He served as Clinical Psychologist for the Hong Kong Correctional Services and had assessed hundreds of offenders for courts and statutory boards. In 1999, he joined the Hong Kong Police Force offering full-time psychological assistance in criminal investigation and forensic matters. He had assisted and testified as expert witness in various high profile court cases. He retired from the Government in 2015 and had taught at the University of Hong Kong Department of Psychology as well as the City University of Hong Kong Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences. Dr Tsui holds a Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of London and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Hong Kong. He is an appointed Member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.
- **Dr Sammy Cheng** - obtained his master's degree in clinical psychology at the University of Hong Kong, and Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He had worked as a clinical psychologist in various hospitals under the Hospital Authority for about 20 years, including Kwai Chung Hospital, Yan Chai Hospital, Caritas Medical Centre and Princess Margaret Hospital. He has rich clinical experience in diagnosis, assessment and treatment for children, adolescents, adults and elderly with psychiatric or psychological disorders. He has served as an expert witness in court while working for the Hospital Authority and in private practice. He is experienced in writing forensic psychological assessment reports for patients with work-related injury and trauma, as well as criminal charges or legal issues.

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### Welcome Message

The evidence of mental health experts has a pivotal role in many civil and criminal cases; lawyers and judges rely upon the expert's knowledge in the highly technical areas to ensure a fair trial. However, being a forensic expert is not easy! When submitting a court report, a mental health expert is expected to know the responsibilities, procedures and rules pertaining to the format and contents. And as an expert witness in the court room, one's oral evidence may often be challenged. The role and responsibilities of a forensic expert can be overwhelming, even for seasoned professionals.

As the organizer for this event, we hope to encourage more mental health professionals to broaden their scope of work to include the challenging yet meaningful duties in forensic expert services. We invite psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and others colleagues in the mental health and legal fields to participate. Whether you are already providing forensic services or just interested in broadening your skills, this 2-day intensive training course is a rare opportunity for you to gain a deeper understanding of forensic expert services.

**We welcome you to our professional learning community!**  
We would also like to thank the trainers for their enthusiasm and generosity to share their comprehensive knowledge, extensive experience and practical skills.

**Limited Enrollment! Sign Up Today: [www.ipsyh.com/court](http://www.ipsyh.com/court)**



### 證書及專業組織認可

本課程已申請多個專業組織認可為持續進修課程 (approval pending)  
香港醫學專科學院(香港精神科醫學院) (CME)  
香港臨床心理學家公會 (CPD)  
香港護士管理局 (CNE 11 分 approved)  
社會工作者註冊局 (CPD 12 分 approved)  
香港物理治療學會 (CPD)  
香港心理學會臨床心理組 (CE)  
香港心理學會工業與組織心理學部 (CE)  
香港心理學會輔導心理學部 (CE)  
香港心理學會教育心理學部 (CE)

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