

Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) Scale

GAF On-line Training

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The GAF is a 100-point tool rating overall psychological, social and occupational functioning of people over 18 years of age and older. It excludes physical and environmental impairment.

The GAF is included in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR) in the section on multi-axial assessments.

91-100	Superior functioning in a wide range of activities, life's problems never seem to get out of hand, is sought out by others because of his or her many qualities. No symptoms.
90-81	Absent or minimal symptoms, good functioning in all areas, interested and involved in a wide range of activities, socially effective, generally satisfied with life, no more than everyday problems or concerns.
80-71	If symptoms are present they are transient and expectable reactions to psychosocial stresses; no more than slight impairment in social, occupational, or school functioning
70-61	Some mild symptoms OR some difficulty in social, occupational, or school functioning, but generally functioning pretty well, has some meaningful interpersonal relationships.
60-51	Moderate symptoms OR any moderate difficulty in social, occupational, or school functioning.
50-41	Serious symptoms OR any serious impairment in social, occupational, or school functioning.
40-31	Some impairment in reality testing or communication OR major impairment in several areas, such as work or school, family relations, judgment, thinking, or mood.
30-21	Behavior is considered influenced by delusions or hallucinations OR serious impairment in communications or judgment OR inability to function in all areas.
20-11	Some danger or hurting self or others OR occasionally fails to maintain minimal personal hygiene OR gross impairment in communication.
10-1	Persistent danger of severely hurting self or others OR persistent inability to maintain minimum personal hygiene OR serious suicidal act with clear expectation of death.

GAF on-line training allows you to score various scenarios according to the 90 point rating scale. To proceed to training section click on GAF On-line Training. Once you have successfully scored an item move on to another scenario or exit back to this page (GAF Scale) or the MHD, Washington Institute On-line Training Home Page.

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