

Table 1.0 Level of Consciousness (LOC) & Mental Status Exam (MSE) Categories

<b>Appearance &amp; Behaviors</b>	1. Level of consciousness: alert, lethargic, stupor, comatose	2. Posture & Motor Behavior: relaxed, tense, restless, agitated	3. Dress, Grooming, Personal Hygiene: well dressed and groomed, disheveled, poor personal hygiene	4. Facial Expression: anxiety, depressed, apathy, anger, elation	5. Manner, Affect, Relationship to People & Things: blunted, inappropriate or flat affect, angry, suspicious, detached, indifferent, anxious, or evasive manner
<b>Speech &amp; Language</b>	1. Quantity: talkative, quiet, spontaneous	2. Rate & Volume: fast, slow, loud, soft	3. Articulation of Words: Are words clear and distinct	4. Fluency: Rate, flow and rhythm of speech	
<b>Mood &amp; Affect</b>	1. Mood: Anger, indifference, sadness, contentment, joy, euphoria, anxiety	2. Affect: How is the client expressing their emotion?	3. Does the mood & affect displayed match?		
<b>Thoughts &amp; Perceptions</b>	1. Thought Process: Logic, relevance, organization, and coherence	2. Thought content: Includes insight and judgement	3. Perceptions: Sensory awareness of environment and objects within the environment		
<b>Cognitive Function</b>	1. Orientation: Awareness of personal identity, time, place, situation	2. Attention: Ability to focus and concentrate	3. Memory: Retention of information (both recent and remote)	4. New learning ability	