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Professional Summary

Dr. Jeffrey E. Cassisi is a Professor in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Central Florida specializing in Health Psychology, Women's Health, and Professional Training. His recent scholarship focuses on aesthetic health psychology, medical tattooing outcomes, and psychogastroenterology. He integrates clinical science, psychometrics, and interdisciplinary collaboration to advance patient-centered research and education.

Education

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Florida, 1986 (APA-accredited)

M.A., Experimental Psychology, University of Hawaii, 1981

B.A., Psychology, University of Florida, 1979

Internship: Veterans Administration Medical Center, Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA (APA-accredited),
1984–1985

Professional Employment

Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Central Florida, 2008–present

Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Central Florida, 2011–2016

Director, M.A. Program in Clinical Psychology, University of Central Florida, 2008–2010

Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, Fayetteville State University, 2004–2008

Director of Clinical Training and Associate Professor, Jackson State University, 1997–2004

Assistant Professor, Illinois Institute of Technology, 1989–1996

Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Neurological Surgery, University of Florida, 1986–1989

Licensure and Certification

Licensed Psychologist, State of Florida, #PY0003989

Licensed Psychologist, State of North Carolina, #PP3120

Health Service Provider (HSP-P), State of North Carolina

Awards and Honors

Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award for Excellence in Education and Inspirational
Leadership, 2024

Teaching Incentive Award, University of Central Florida, 2019–2020

National Quality Research Award, United States Distance Learning Association, 2016–2017

Peer-Reviewed Publications (2023–2025)

Full publication list available upon request or via
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Gofman, S., Cassisi, J. E., **Proctor, M.**, Paulson, D., & Decker, V. (2025). Development of a screening measure to identify breast appearance dissatisfaction in women. *Journal of Aesthetic Medicine*, 1(2), 7. <https://doi.org/10.3390/jaestheticmed1020007>

Proctor, M., Cassisi, J. E., Dvorak, R., Decker, V., & Becker, S. (2024). Breast cancer survivors' perceptions of mastectomy reconstruction: A comparative analysis of medical tattooing impact on aesthetics. *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00266-024-04484-2>

Ross, E. J., Shanahan, M., Guadagnoli, L., Jimenez, D. E., & Cassisi, J. E. (2024). Positive affect longitudinally buffers the negative effect of health anxiety on gastrointestinal symptoms. *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aphw.12601>

Proctor, M., Cassisi, J. E., Dvorak, R. D., & Decker, V. (2024). Medical tattooing as a complementary cosmetic intervention to reduce body-image distress and mental health symptoms in U.S. breast cancer survivors. *Supportive Care in Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-024-08809-4>

Minks, T., Cassisi, J. E., Lighthall, N. R., **Proctor, M.**, & **Mendelson, S.** (2024). Impact of amputation of the upper limb and prostheses on perceptions of competence, warmth, and functional abilities. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 69(1), 14–23. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rep0000515>

Mendelson, S., **Anbukkarasu, P.**, Cassisi, J. E., & Zaman, W. (2023). Gastrointestinal functioning and menstrual cycle phase in emerging young adult women: A cross-sectional study. *BMC Gastroenterology*, 23(1), 406. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12876-023-03036-3>

Decker, V., King, C., Cassisi, J., & Tofthagen, C. (2023). Usability and acceptability of a videoconference program for the treatment of depression in adults with peripheral neuropathy. *Computers, Informatics, Nursing*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/CIN.0000000000001008>

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Editorial and Grant Review Experience

Editorial Board: *Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback*

Reviewer for journals including *Health Psychology*, *Journal of Health Psychology*, *Supportive Care in Cancer*, *Behavior Therapy*, and *Schizophrenia Research*.