

# DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKING ABILITIES

~Cultivate multi-dimensional thinking, break away from conventional thought patterns  
& creatively and effectively solve problems~

**Do you encounter the following challenges due to a lack of critical thinking skills?**

- ✦ You fail to analyze the information in a logical and critical manner, which can lead to confusion and misguided decisions.
- ✦ You may overlook alternative perspectives, or you struggle to objectively understand and evaluate diverse viewpoints.
- ✦ Your ability to express ideas clearly, logically, and persuasively may be hindered.

**Through course, you will acquire powerful tools to enhance your logical and critical thinking abilities, enabling you to make wise decisions both in work and life.**

## CONTENT

### Part 1: Overview of Critical Thinking

- ◆ The cognitive processing system
- ◆ Distinguish critical thinking and argument
- ◆ Characteristics of individuals with critical thinking
- ◆ Importance and benefits of critical thinking
- ◆ Barriers to critical thinking
- ◆ Critical thinking standards (CTS)
- ◆ Reasoning in critical thinking → Practicing: Identify topic sentence

### Part 2: Process of developing critical thinking

- ◆ Process of critical thinking
- ◆ Identifying problem
- ◆ Methods of collecting and analyzing information
- ◆ Organizing information and structuring arguments
- ◆ Practice: structuring arguments in critical thinking
- ◆ Practice: analyzing arguments
- ◆ Identifying common fallacies

### Part 3: Foundational skills for developing critical thinking

- ◆ Six levels of critical thinking
- ◆ Questioning skills – Importance and key points in critical discourse
- ◆ Questioning skill using Socratic Method
  - Clarification questions
  - Probing assumption questions
  - Probing reasons and evidence questions
  - Viewpoints and perspectives questions
  - Probing implications and consequences questions
  - Questions about questions
- ◆ Questioning skills using 5Whys Method
- ◆ Questioning skills using 5W1H Method
- ◆ Effective listening skill in critical discourse
- ◆ Effective emotion control skills in critical discourse

### Part 4: Practicing critical thinking through DEBATE skills - Effective discourse

- ◆ Understanding debate: definition and workplace application
- ◆ Rules of effective debate
- ◆ Employing the ARES Model in debates – Argument, Reasoning, Evidences, Sources
- ◆ Debate contest: applying a structured process
- ◆ 5 steps for effective debating

### Part 5: Summary and Action Plan

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## OBJECTIVES



- ➔ Understand nature of critical thinking and explore factors that enhance systematic thinking
- ➔ Analyze and evaluate information and problems in work
- ➔ Develop systematic thinking and apply it to construct effective solutions/arguments
- ➔ Analyze problems and present your arguments in a critical and persuasive manner
- ➔ Skillfully apply critical thinking in debates to successfully achieve your objectives

## TARGET



- ☐ Staff
 ☒ Middle-Management
 ☒ First-line Management
 ☐ Top-Management

## METHOD



**30% theory, 70% practice** through group discussions, presentations, case studies, role-playing, games, etc.



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