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MODULE O Critical Thinking

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Module O – Critical Thinking Definition List

Critical Thinking - exercising or involving careful judgment based on facts and observations

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<p>(S-1) Title Slide</p> <p>(S-2) Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the importance of the nurse aide using critical thinking skills 2. Discuss the importance of critical thinking 3. Identify five questions that nurse aides should ask to think critically 	
Content	Notes
<p>(S-3) Critical Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercising or involving careful judgment based on facts and observations • Required to provide safe, competent care to residents in a variety of situations • Developed through real-life experiences, education, communication, observation, and practical application • Incorporated into thought processes and daily activities 	
<p>(S-4) Critical Thinking – Importance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows the nurse aide to put theory into practice when caring for the resident • Allows the nurse aide to administer care in a safe confident manner • Requires the use of sound judgment in a variety of situations • Helps the nurse aide identify situations that deviate from the norm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Not all nurse aide activities can be specifically directed – Not all situations can be described in a textbook 	
<p>(S-5) Critical Thinking – Questions to Ask</p> <p>As critical thinkers, the nurse aide should ask questions:</p> <p>What problem do I need to solve?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Who should be involved in the process? <p>What information do I need?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How do I determine if it is accurate? <p>How do I solve the problem?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What are the advantages and disadvantages? <p>What am I missing?</p>	
<p>(S-6) Critical Thinking – Quote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Critical thinking is a way of thinking about particular things at particular times” • “It is not the accumulation of facts and knowledge or something that you can learn once and then use in that form forever, such as the nine times table you learn and use in school” (<i>from SkillsYouNeed</i>) • Ask students to share, in their own words, what the definition of critical thinking is and why it is important to develop that skill. 	

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