CRITICAL THINKING TRAINING

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COURSE LENGTH: 2.0 DAYS

Critical thinking is an important step to arrive at the best possible decisions or achieve the best possible results. Learn how to develop your ability to think critically by attending PD Training's hands-on Critical Thinking Training Course.

After completing this course, you will have learned: the steps and techniques to recognize and assess information or options before arriving at a decision or conclusion, hands-on experience in using critical thinking tools, how to react with curiosity instead of emotion and much more.

This comprehensive training course is now available across the U.S., including Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Jackson, Los Angeles, Manhattan, Miami, Orlando, New York, Philadelphia, San Antonio and Seattle.

CRITICAL THINKING TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

FOREWORD

In this course, you'll get hands-on experience with a battery of practical tools (including the Watson-Glaser® Critical Thinking II Development Report) to help you make critical thinking an indispensable part of your skill set. You'll find out things you didn't know about yourself and make discoveries that can literally change your life. Instead of concentrating on theories, you'll be working with an expert instructor to get comfortable with a concrete set of tools. You'll then be ready to benefit from your new skills immediately when you return to your job.

OUTCOMES

- ▶ Explore real-world examples of why critical thinking is so important in business
- ▶ Learn to use critical thinking skills when making business decisions
- ▶ Choose the right techniques to recognize assumptions and draw conclusions
- ▶ Know how to translate an abstract idea into something tangible
- ▶ Minimize the impact of job pressures on your thinking processes
- ▶ React with curiosity instead of emotion
- ▶ Get a roadmap for developing your critical thinking skills

MODULES

Lesson 1: Course Overview

- ▶ Introduction

Lesson 2: Understanding Critical Thinking

- ▶ What is Critical Thinking?
- ▶ Characteristics of a Critical Thinker
- ▶ Common Critical Thinking Styles
- ▶ Small Group Work
- ▶ Developing Your Critical Thinking Skills

Lesson 3: Where Do Other Types of Thinking Fit In?

- ▶ Left and Right Brain Thinking
- ▶ Whole-Brain Thinking

Lesson 4: Pitfalls to Reasoned Decision Making

- ▶ Getting Over the Barriers
- ▶ Debrief
- ▶ Morning Wrap-Up
- ▶ Energiser: Puzzle Paradise

Lesson 5: The Critical Thinking Process

- Critical Thinking Model
- The Standards of Critical Thinking
- Identifying the Issues
- Identifying the Arguments
- Clarifying the Issues and Arguments
- Establishing Context
- Checking Credibility and Consistency
- Evaluating Arguments
- Case Study

Lesson 6: A Critical Thinker's Skill Set

- Asking Questions
- Probing
- Pushing My Buttons
- Critical Thinking Questions
- Active Listening Skills

Lesson 7: Creating Explanations

- Defining Explanations
- Steps to Building an Explanation
- Small Group Work

Lesson 8: Dealing with Assumptions

- Understanding assumptions
- When are assumptions useful
- Critically evaluate assumptions

Lesson 9: Common Sense

- Reflecting on common sense
- Is it 'common'?

Lesson 10: Critical and Creative Thought Systems

- Tips for Thinking Creatively
- Creative Thinking Exercise
- De Bono's Thinking Hats

Lesson 11: Putting It into Practice

- Presenting and Communicating Your Ideas to Others
- Pre-Assignment Preparation
- Presentations

WEB LINKS

- View this course online
- In-house Training Instant Quote