

# 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 “Developing critical thinking abilities” 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.

## DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKING ABILITIES

**Target: Staff, Leader, Supervisor, Manager**

**Training venue:** At client’s company as required **(2 days)**

### 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

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#### 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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