



Core Ability Report – Critical Thinking

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As a result of this program: I learned critical thinking skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	3
2	Disagree	0.00%	5
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	7
4	Agree	0.00%	132
5	Strongly Agree	100.00%	186
	Total	100%	333

Q13 - Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

The accounting program stresses the importance of critical thinking skills and pushes students to think outside the box.

I love how accounting forces you to think critically, if your statements don't balance you have to find out where to start looking for the problem, and it isn't always in front of you.

I was surprised to learn how important critical thinking is in accounting. A large part of what accountants do is take information provided to them and form analyses. Whether it is looking at financial records or perhaps a case, critical thinking is so important.

having to work with so many different types of accounting procedures offers a lot of opportunity to use critical thinking skills.

i learned about finance and accounting concepts i previously had little to no knowledge of. i think that i will be able to apply these new ideas to my personal financial life and benefit my employer.

Case analysis really helped with critical thinking. You have to work your way into something and think differently than you would have previously.

As much as I disliked Case Analysis - in the end it provided to be extremely beneficial.

It is important to be able to analyze a situation and develop a solution.

This program gave me many opportunities to develop my critical thinking skills, especially observation, reflection, evaluation, and problem-solving skills. The discussion boards were a great tool to practice these skills.

While most of the time I was encouraged to use my own skills, many of the assignments were graded and based off of the instructors opinion for how it should be completed. The instructions during this time were confusing. We were encouraged to make our own decisions but then docked points for it.

Process critical thinking was taught heavily, and was cemented in to my learning.

Now i know how to diagnose and track down a complex concern with a vehicle.

Not all answers were given directly

My critical thinking skills were strengthened mostly by the simulations in which it felt like I was an actual manager or entrepreneur of a business. In regard to the simulation it gave me a good feel for problem solving and how to critically think when something unexpected happens in term of your business.

The projects that were needed to be completed and the simulations, forced me to critically think about how a business works and come up with innovative ideas.

Capstone and Professional Profile Development really challenged my critical thinking skills.

The program helped me think critical in real workplace situations with the business simulations.

Learning on the move and being able to critically think on the job helped me also prepared me for my future.

N/A

both instructors were always asking us questions instead of giving us an answer right away which helped me think through what ever I was questioning.

When having PPE's on seeing items that are contaminated and knowing what to touch and what not to touch.

You have to think through ever procedure

Diagnosing vehicle problems and finding service information.

look at the problem. see what you've got to do to fix it and how are you going to best fix the problem with what you have.

How to trouble shoot things

Taking observations and listening to what each individual child has to say.

This program reinforced a lot of the critical thinking skills that I had developed and brought new strategies into light.

The finance program is full of critical thinking with knowing how to quickly communicate with customers when problems arise and how to solve mathematical issues when they arise.

Xxxx had a few problems throughout that really made you think, I think he/she called them critical thinking activities. These are fun and it helps show you that not everything is going to be straight up given to you.

All the hands on activities in technical rescue require you to think big picture as well as what is happening in the here and now

This program capitalized on working with advancing each students critical thinking skills

Tech Rescue Class helps critical thinking

For the coding classes you needed to use the knowledge we learned in A&P and medical terminology to understand what part of the body and what is happening to it, to pick the correct codes

Xxxx and Xxxx challenged their students each day to problem solve and figure out solutions on their own. This was great because it set us up for great success once we are employed using our degrees.

Critical thinking again is essential in being a successful social worker or working in the human services field. Many of our classes and activities revolved around this. Role playing in many of our classes helped to prepare us for when we are in the work force and woking on our own.

Critical thinking was encouraged form the first semester of this program. I would have checked strongly agree, however, I believe I came into the program as a critical thinker.

This program makes you think outside of the box. Not all clients are going to be the same, even if they come from similar backgrounds. What will work for one client may not work for another, so learning cultural competencies was a wonderful way to help gain insight on how to work with clients. Also, the psychology classes were helpful because now I will be able to understand why certain people do certain things or are affected by things that another client isn't. I will be able to apply all of this knowledge to best serve my future clients.

I think we learned a lot about this and how to evaluate a situation before assessing it. This is very helpful when it comes to child services.

I was never a great critical thinker, but the skills taught in this program have changed that. I learned to look deeper into people than just what their outside shows because there is most likely a lot more to them.

I have really learned to think outside the box and keep an open mind

Critical thinking skills I learned was being able to think and asked more questions before making decisions.

I would say that most of my time here at Western has made me do a lot more critical thinking then I thought I would do. During a few classes we had to figure out the teachers bugs in their assignments instead of being taught the curriculum that was meant for that class. (Scripting and Automation & SQL)

Especially in the programming courses!

That's much too broad of a statement. Computer programming involves some VERY critical thinking. I can say that I learned a bit about computer programming here at WTC. Therefore I suppose I can also say that I learned a bit about critical thinking.

I feel I really sharpened my critical thinking skills in both Xxxx and Xxxx's classes - particularly Xxxx's. The skill to be able to break a problem down into its individual parts to solve the larger problem. I'm much more confident in my critical thinking skills and have grown a lot.

This program helped me learn thing I normally wouldn't have, and a lot of this required new ways of thinking I haven't dealt with before. This meant that I had to learn a lot of new critical thinking skills to solve new problems.

This whole program forces you to think in a different way. I learned how to change my thinking and how to be a better problem solver.

I learned this from Xxxx, not Xxxx.

We were taught how to deal with tough situations and how to over come adversity.

This was very important and specifically applied when working with local businesses throughout our time in the program.

Thinking outside the box is always the first step, but I learned how to think fast on how to resolve problems that needed to be fix immediately.

those skills were already their the program just helped me strengthen those skills.

I feel that this class is about learning critical thinking for any projects, homework, and in general applications.

When things don't work, I have to stop, breathe, and know that it may be beyond my control. A math problem that I spent so much time on and could not figure out turned out to be the book's mistake and I was correct the entire time. I tend to think that I'm not doing things well enough, but in my classes, I do tend to end up getting very good grades and doing the lessons correctly, so learning to not be so hard on myself and trust that I'm doing things right most of the time. This makes me more confident at work. I feel like an expert at what I do because of this program and teachers.

You learn to multi task and make quick decisions based on information that you have.

How to think under pressure

I applied being taught how to balance everything to this. Expect the unexpected and roll with the chaos.

N/A

no complaints

nothing to add

n/a

I learned how to figure out things more quickly.

To critically think what vitals are needed for each patient.

I have been able to think through possible reasons for many situations, whether they are disease processes or testing procedures.

Learned how to differentiate between normal and abnormal cells and cell structure. Applied the sample to real life situations.

Biggest thing I learned about this was that I actually have to take the time to think since its not going to come effortlessly.

I feel that that I have grown so much from this experience. I have gained a base that is strong enough to face the challenges of a career in nursing.

Love, love, love having "X" as an instructor! She was the most beneficial and helpful instructor. Her "Left of bang," theory was incredible!

I think 3rd and 4th semester really helped us to critically think in complex situations.

I felt that this component lacked from WTC nursing program. Students are expected to learn the material mostly on their own and some had an extremely difficult time connecting the dots of complex patients and scenarios, so I think that the program should help guide some better critical thinking concepts into all classes to ensure students are understanding why the information we learn is important.

I believe clinical really prepared us and help us with critical thinking skills. Also, each test you needed to critical think and decide which answer is going to save your patient first. Being provided extra NCLEX questions in 4th semester really help too.

This program has taught me how to think 10 steps ahead! As a nurse, my environment with constantly be changing and what was planned out may not come to pass. It has been a huge change of my thinking process to look at every possible scenario that may present and how I will deal with that as it comes along. I find myself using my critical thinking skills in day to day life know as well!

The exams, especially in fourth semester, forced us to apply our critical thinking skills. It would've been beneficial if previous semesters would've incorporated more higher level questions to better prepare us from the beginning.

The classes in this program greatly enhanced my critical thinking abilities.

This program strongly pushed my to use my critical thinking skills which will help me so much in the future.

In the beginning of the program I didn't even really know what critical thinking entailed and I am now able to critical think a lot better but still need more practice with it.

clinical was great for this

I think it would be helpful to have more scenarios for when your patient becomes critically ill and what you would do. I think that is a huge fear of people in healthcare of what will they do if suddenly their patient becomes pulseless or loses their respiratory drive.

Both CHA courses definitely helped advance my critical thinking skills.

I came with a lot of critical thinking skills.

I learned about critical thinking but I was not able to apply until I got to FW, this is where it started to click.

My critical thinking skills grew through my fieldwork experiences.

However, apparently my current fieldwork educator does not think so. Maybe focus on this a bit more.

How to plan a treatment and have a back up plan when going into the session.

Complete Continuous Quality Improvement assignment

Fieldwork really helped with this.

Many assignments required critical thinking

I learned to think different an open up to other concepts.

I learned these skills because it is a must to have in everyday of your PTA career.

Nothing

This program has a big emphasis on critical thinking and critical clinic decision making!

Most of my critical thinking was learned during clinicals.

Able to think on my feet when ventilator alarms, patient becomes distressed and when equipment won't work.

Xxxx, Xxxx, and the clinical preceptors have challenged me and taught me to think through things different ways if problems arise

Both the instructors and preceptors frequently challenged me with critical thinking questions. During lab if I was able to get the concept quickly the instructors gave me extra questions/problems to solve using critical thinking skills, so that I was not just sitting around waiting for my classmates to finish.

Stop using critical thinking saying all forms of thinking have some form of criticality to it. Seriously get rid of this saying "critical thinking"

I think my previous experience from other programs helped round me and this program helped to take my thinking to the next level

definitely!

I think about things and why things happen way more than I have ever thought before.

Because of some of the subjects, you had to think about the situation and how to apply different methods to each.

Quick thinking and problem solving

In many projects, things would go wrong last minute, and individuals would need to think on their feet for a solution.

As I said before I am old enough to have learnt this before. I will say this much, I came here with prior knowledge, and this course showed me how to think differently in reference to carpentry and other things.
