

## CRITICAL THINKING TRAINING

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Training Course

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### COURSE LENGTH: 2.0 DAYS

Critical thinking involves a number of processes including identifying and evaluating specific situations, being aware of any contributing circumstances and the potential results of your actions or plans. To think critically, it is important to evaluate various perspectives (yours and others) to identify the resources available to you and evaluate the short and long-term effects of taking a particular action.

The PD Training Critical Thinking Training Course provides training in identifying support structures, perspectives and arguments and how to critically evaluate the advantages and the disadvantages of a proposed plan or an action, so that the right decisions can be made the first time. Learn the difference between left brain and right brain thinking, removing the emotions from decision making, evaluating both sides of an argument and critical questioning skills.

This powerful professional development training course is delivered throughout Australia, including Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Parramatta

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## CRITICAL THINKING TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

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### FOREWORD

In this course by PD Training, you'll get hands-on experience with a wide range 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 and management style. You'll learn things about yourself that you didn't know and make internal, personal discoveries that can literally change the way you think about and approach your life.

Instead of concentrating on far out theories, you'll be working with an expert instructor to get comfortable with a concrete set of tools. After practising things like left brain and right brain thinking patterns, asking probing questions and analysing potential outcomes, you'll be prepared to benefit from your new critical thinking skills immediately.

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### OUTCOMES

**After completing this course participants will be able to:**

- ▶ 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 recognise assumptions and draw conclusions
- ▶ Use the Watson-Glaser® Critical Thinking II Development Report
- ▶ Translate an abstract idea into something tangible
- ▶ Minimise the impact of job pressures on your thinking processes
- ▶ React with curiosity instead of emotion
- ▶ Get a roadmap for developing your critical thinking skills

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### 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

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

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

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### Lesson 4: Pitfalls to Reasoned Decision Making

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

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### 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

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### Lesson 6: A Critical Thinker's Skill Set

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

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### Lesson 7: Creating Explanations

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

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### Lesson 8: Dealing with Assumptions

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

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### Lesson 9: Common Sense

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

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### Lesson 10: Critical and Creative Thought Systems

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

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### Lesson 11: Putting It into Practice

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

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