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Objectives

- 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

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Critical Thinking

- 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

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Critical Thinking - Importance

- 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



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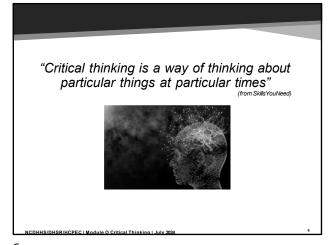
Critical Thinking - Questions to ask

- What problem do I need to solve?Who should be involved in the process?
- What information do I need?
 How do I determine it is accurate?
- How do I solve the problem?
 -What are the advantages and disadvantages?
- What am I missing?



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