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Learner outcomes

The participant will be able to:

- List principles of critical thinking and metacognition.
- Describe how to develop a hierarchy of critical thinking questions.
- Explain strategies used to develop critical thinking in themselves and in supervisees.

Story of Chicken Little
What do these images have in common?

Critical Thinking

“interpretation, analysis, evaluation, and inference” p.106
III. Development of the Supervisee's Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills

A. Knowledge Required

- Understand methods of collecting data to analyze the clinical and supervisory processes.
- Understand how data can be used to facilitate change in client, clinician, and/or supervisory behaviors.
- Understand how communication style influences the supervisee's development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Understand the use of self-evaluation to promote supervisee growth. (p.5)


B. Skills Required

- Assist the supervisee in using a variety of data collection procedures.
- Assist the supervisee in objectively analyzing and interpreting the data obtained and in understanding how to use it for modification of intervention plans.
- Assist the supervisee in identifying salient patterns in either clinician or client behavior that facilitate or hinder learning.
- Use language that fosters independent thinking and assists the supervisee in recognizing and defining problems, and in developing solutions.
- Assist the supervisee in determining whether the objectives for the client and/or the supervisory experience have been met. (p.5)

Knowledge, Skills and Training Consideration for Individuals Serving as Supervisors (2013)

- Knowledge of teaching techniques (e.g., reflective practice, questioning techniques)
- Understand the levels and use of questions to facilitate clinical learning
- Develop goals/objectives—collaboratively with the supervisee—that allow for the supervisee's clinical and professional growth in critical thinking, problem solving, etc.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: Ad Hoc Committee on Supervision, 2013

Clinical Reasoning

- Use valid scientific and clinical evidence in decision making regarding assessment and intervention.
- Apply current knowledge, theory, and sound professional judgment in approaches to intervention and management of individuals served.
- Use clinical judgment and self-reflection to enhance clinical reasoning

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, 2017
Benefits

- Improve our clinical practice
- Improve our interaction with other professionals
- Develop new lines of inquiry

Critical Thinking

“interpretation, analysis, evaluation, and inference”
Interpret

Interpret words

- Translate
- Clarify
- Solve
- Decipher
- Explain
Analysis

Analysis words

* Analyze
* Break down
* Contrast
* Differentiate
* Distinguish
Evaluate

Evaluation words

* Appraise
* Judge
* Criticize
* Defend
* Justify
Infer

Inference words

* Connect
* Imply
* Draw conclusions
Consider where your questions fall on Bloom’s taxonomy

- Creating: The student can put elements together to form a functional whole, create a new product or point of view: assemble, generate, construct, design, develop, formulate, rearrange, rewrite, organize, devise.

- Evaluating: The student can make judgments and justify decisions: appraise, argue, defend, judge, select, support, evaluate, debate, measure, select, test, verify.

- Analyzing: The student can distinguish between parts, how they relate to each other, and to the overall structure and purpose: compare, contrast, criticize, differentiate, discriminate, question, classify, distinguish, experiment.

- Applying: The student can use information in a new way: demonstrate, diagram, interpret, solve, use, illustrate, convert, discover, diagnose, prepare.

- Understanding: The student can construct meaning from oral, written, and graphic messages: interpret, exemplify, classify, summarize, infer, compare, explain, paraphrase, discuss.

- Remembering: The student can recognize and recall relevant knowledge from long-term memory: define, duplicate, list, memorize, repeat, reproduce.

Synonyms for Critical Thinking

- Diagnostic reasoning
- Problem solving
- Clinical reasoning

Huang, Newman, & Schwartzstein, 2014
Background knowledge

* Need conceptual knowledge
* Should have a common language

Hidden Curriculum

* What is implicit should be made explicit?

https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/5-steps-ask-relevant-questions-expert-sara-avanzini
Critical Thinking and Clinical Practice

- Need critical thinking for clinical practice
- Problems need to be viewed from different perspectives
- Need to be empathetic

Let’s think critically

Stephen was looking at a photo. Someone asked him, "Whose picture are you looking at?" He replied: "I don't have any brother or sister, but this man's father is my father's son." So, whose picture was Stephen looking at?
Strategies to teach critical thinking

• Pose questions and ask supervisee why you would ask that question
  * What information does it add or provide?
  * Is it necessary to ask the question?
• Develop attitude of questioning and expect the supervisee to question

• Provide the answer and let the supervisee develop the question

The child’s expressive-receptive language disorder is complicated by a hearing loss.
• Provide a clinical scenario with missing, irrelevant, and conflicting information

• Maintain file of complex cases which can be used with supervisees
• The supervisee develops written questions
• Ultimate goal is for the supervisee to develop questions in real time

Gombrich, 2014; King, 1995
* Model critical thinking
* Use a think aloud strategy
* Provide a cognitive prompt
* Scaffold and gradually remove support

Goodyear, 2014; King, 1995

Develop three variations on a question

* Change a lower level question to a higher level
* What is milieu language intervention?
* How does milieu language intervention differ from focused stimulation?
Providing sources for the answer

Discuss and provide access to finding the answers

- Databases
- PubMed
- ASHA Live Wire
- Sign up for journal alert

Avoid providing the answer

Use pause time
• In small groups, supervisees can critique each others’ questions

Hypothetically change the clinical scenario
Emulate experts

• What questions do they pose?

Question forms

• What are the strengths and weaknesses of ....
  • analysis p.11
• Explain why .......
  • analysis
• What would happen if.......
  • predicting
  • strategy for exceptional student
Question forms

• Why is ……happening?
  • inferencing
• How could this be used?
  • application
• How does X affect Y?
  • cause -effect

Question forms

• What evidence supports your answer?
  • Evaluation
• What is another way to view?
  • Taking other perspective
• Compare X and Y with regard to Z.
  • Synthesis

King, 1985
Consider alternatives

* Two women apply for a job. They are identical. They have the same mother, father, brothers, sisters, birthday, height and weight. The interviewer ask if they are twins and they reply no. Why?
Quality of Questions

Questions for intellectual standards
Paul-Elder Model

- Question for clarity
  - elaborate on this
- Accuracy
  - how can this be verified?
- Precision
  - provide more details
- Depth
  - what are the complexities of the case?
Noncritical thinker

• close minded
• maintain same viewpoints for self-interest
• difficulty providing rationale
• misinterprets
• comes to an incorrect conclusion (p. 132)

Hohmann & Gicko, 2014

• Breadth
  • other perspectives

• Significance
  • which fact is most important?

Hohmann & Gicko, 2014

• Fairness
  • are you only including your viewpoint?

• Relevance
  • what facts issues relate to the problem?
Too much information

* I have seven letters. The first two stand for a boy. The first three stand for a girl. And the first four stand for a brave boy.

Consider feedback- another presentation

* Does your feedback stop the supervisee’s question asking?
Metacognition

- Think about your thinking and other’s thinking
- “Higher order mental abilities” (p. 95)
- “Habit of inquiry” (p. 13)
- How do you know when you are correct?

What about Chicken Little?
Parting quotes

* "He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever." - CHINESE PROVERB
* "The important thing is not to stop questioning." - Albert Einstein

More questions

* How has this content enhanced your critical thinking?
* How can this information be used?
* Will asking higher level questions improve your practice?
* How will you appraise the level of your supervisee's questions?
Last puzzle (if we have time)

• This puzzle is from the late logician and mathematician Raymond M. Smullyan: A dealer bought an article for $7, sold it for $8, bought it back for $9, and sold it for $10. How much profit did he make?

http://philosophy.hku.hk/think/logic/puzzles.php

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