



BSBCRT411

Apply critical thinking to work processes

ASSESSOR GUIDE

Assessment 3 of 3

Case Study

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Assessment Instructions

Task overview

This assessment is divided into 3 tasks including roleplays and personal development activities. Read each question and instruction carefully before commencing.

Additional resources and supporting documents

To complete this assessment, you will need:

- Device with recording capability (audio and video)
- Internet access
- Participants
- Assessment 2

Assessment Information

Submission

You are entitled to three (3) attempts at completing this assessment satisfactorily. Incomplete assessments will not be marked and will count as one of your three attempts.

All questions must be answered correctly to be assessed as satisfactory for this assessment.

Answers must be typed into the space provided and submitted electronically via the LMS. Hand-written assessments will not be accepted unless previously arranged with your assessor.

Reasonable adjustment

Students may request a reasonable adjustment for assessment tasks.

Reasonable adjustment usually involves varying:

- the processes for conducting the assessment (e.g. allowing additional time)
- the evidence gathering techniques (e.g. oral rather than written questioning, use of a scribe, modifications to equipment)

However, the evidence collected must allow the student to demonstrate all requirements of the unit.

Refer to the Student Handbook or contact your Trainer for further information.





Task 1 - Role Play: Critical thinking in the workplace

Task 1 requires you to participate in a role play and submit a video recording as evidence.

The role play requires you to record yourself and one (1) other person discussing effectiveness of critical thinking that you used in your Assessment 2, where you used critical thinking skills to resolve work issues. In that assessment you followed a critical thinking process and addressed the following two work limitations (issues):

- The lack of an overtime policy and procedure to guide administration staff working additional hours during the busy end of year tax time; and
- The cost of photocopying documents, multiple times, at tax time.

In Role Play 1 there are two (2) participants:

1. You - continue your role as an administration assistant at Ace Finance
2. Michelle, your manager at Ace Finance.

Reasonable adjustment

If you are unable to find one (1) participant to play the role of your manager, please advise your trainer who will discuss options to complete this task.

Resources you need

- Device with recording capability (audio and video)
- Internet access
- One (1) participant for your role play
- A quiet indoor location.

Instructions

Once you have logged into your course, there is the option to record directly into the online platform. Read the scenario, then perform the role play ensuring:

- the video is no more than five (5) minutes in length
- the dialogue is with Michelle is a discussion
- both participants must be present at the one time and visible.

SCENARIO

Your manager, Michelle, is impressed with how you resolved two work limitations and the solutions you came up with. Michelle has organised a short meeting with you. In this meeting she would like to explore:

- how you found the experience of resolving the work practice issues using critical thinking
- how decisions are made in your office.

Information for student

Based on the scenario provided answer the two questions you are asked by Michelle. Ensure that your communication style is suitable for your audience and establishes a friendly atmosphere.

Before you start the video, make sure that you have briefed the two other participants and that they are aware of their role in the video (your manager or the role of Michelle) and the questions they will answer or ask.

Information for participant playing Michelle

You are playing the role of Michelle, a manager at Ace Finance. You ask the student the following two (2) questions:

- a. What benefits have you found by applying critical thinking practices in the workplace?
- b. How do you and others in your work area make decisions?

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If a student is unable to find two (2) participants to conduct the role play, you might arrange for one of the following people to enable the assessment to be completed:

- assessor
- trainer
- faculty staff including student support team members
- other students.

Student role plays will vary but their videos must demonstrate they have:

- followed the instructions provided
- answered the two questions from Michelle
- described benefits of applying critical thinking practices in the workplace
- reviewed decision-making practices in the workplace
- Expressed ideas persuasively
- Used appropriate communication to suit the purpose of the meeting and audience
- Used a communication style to promote teamwork
- Participated in a verbal exchange.

Task 2 - Role Play: Developing a critical thinking mindset

Task 2 requires you to participate in a role play and submit a video recording as evidence.

The role play requires you to record yourself and two (2) others seeking feedback on your critical thinking skills.

You will play the character of the administration assistant and the other two (2) people will play the role of your manager, Michelle, and the role of the Office Manager.

In Role Play 2 there are three (3) participants:

1. You continue your 'role' as an administration assistant
2. Michelle your manager
3. Office manager.

Reasonable adjustment

If you are unable to find people to play the roles of manager and office manager, contact your trainer who will discuss options for pairing up with other students to complete this task.

Resources you need

- Device with recording capability (audio and video)
- Internet access
- Two (2) participants for your role play
- A quiet indoor location.

Instructions

Once you have logged into your course, there is the option to record directly into the online platform. Read the scenario, then perform the role play ensuring:

- the video is no more than five (5) minutes in length
- the dialogue is with Michelle and second manager is a discussion
- all participants must be present at the one time and visible.

SCENARIO

Your manager, Michelle, has organised a short meeting with yourself and the Office Manager to:

- determine how you feel about your level of critical thinking
- provide feedback on your critical thinking skills
- identify areas for your self-development in relation to critical thinking.

In this meeting ask the following two (2) questions to which participants will provide one of the following responses to stimulate a conversation.

Information for student

Based on the scenario provided participate in a group discussion, using the script provided. Ensure that your communication style is suitable for your audience and establishes a friendly atmosphere.

Before you start the video, make sure that you have briefed the two other participants and that they are aware of their role in the video (your manager, Michelle or the role of the office manager) and provide them with the script.

SCRIPT

Michelle: How do you feel about your level of critical thinking skills?

Student: *(Respond based on your own reflection of how you resolved the problems presented to you in Assessment 2.)*

Student: Are there any specific areas where you think I can improve my critical thinking?

Michelle (Select one of the following responses):

- I think you could improve your skills by keeping an open-mind when looking for solutions.
- You often try to make decisions on your own. Taking a team-approach could be beneficial.
- I feel that you foster a positive team environment however at times your questions could be more thoughtfully put together.

Student: Do you have any suggestions for improving my skills and knowledge in critical thinking?

Office Manager (Select one of the following responses):

- There are many professional development workshops available
- Find a professional mentor or coach to help guide you as you are developing and strengthening these skills
- Develop a plan for ongoing self-evaluation to identify areas for improvement

Office Manager: Can you provide some examples of how you applied critical thinking?

Student: *Demonstrate you can reflect on your own performance by giving one (1) example of what you believe you did well and one (1) example of where you can improve your critical thinking skills.*

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If a student is unable to find two (2) participants to conduct the role play, you might arrange for one of the following people to enable the assessment to be completed:

- assessor
- trainer
- faculty staff including student support team members
- other students.

Student role plays will vary but their videos must demonstrate they have:

- followed the instructions provided
- participated in group discussion, questioning, listening and exchanging ideas and views with others
- reviewed own decision-making practices
- Used appropriate communication to suit the purpose of the meeting and audience
- Sought opportunities to improve own skills and understanding

Task 3 - Workplace documents and development plan

Part A

Create a one (1) workplace document to promote critical thinking skills e.g. Poster, PowerPoint presentation, email or fact sheet.

Who is the target audience?

What format have you selected and why? (maximum 50 words).

Submit your document as a separate file along with your assessment. Ensure your document is appropriate for the audience.

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Student's document will vary however content must be appropriate as well as the style, tone and format for the identified target audience.

Part B

Plan to undertake a personal development activity to improve your own critical thinking skills. Complete the template below. Evidence of completion must be submitted as part of this task e.g. *certificate, screenshot, email, confirmation letter, meeting minutes*

Personal Development Plan			
Skill to be developed: <i>Identify what skills you have identified as needing improvement to strengthen your critical thinking.</i>			
Personal development activity: <i>Provide details of at least one (1) activity that you will undertake as part of your personal development plan e.g. online training, workshop, reading and research, listening to credible podcast, meeting with a mentor or coach.</i>			
Evidence of implementation: <i>Describe the type of evidence you will submit.</i>			
Planned date:		Actual Date:	
Factors which affected the implementation of the personal development activity			
Reflection on the outcome of completing the personal development			
How will you monitor ongoing improvements and future review?			
Date for future review			

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Students must submit their completed personal development plan and complete at least one (1) personal development activity.

Ensure that all sections of the template are completed.

Although contents of submission will vary, for satisfactory performance, the personal development plan must include the following:

- Actual date of implementation of the personal development activity

- Actual outcome of the implementation of the personal development activity
- Factors which affected the implementation of the personal development activity
- Review date to reassess improvements to practice

The information included in the plan must align with the student's response to how they described their own level of critical thinking skills in Task 1 and Task 2.

Students must submit evidence of implementing their plan e.g. *certificate, screenshot, email, confirmation letter, meeting minutes*