

Standards for Critical Thinking Checklist

Critical thinking entails using these standards to evaluate your thought and communication (e.g., writing; speech) as well as the communications of others.

- ☐ **Clarity** – Do you have a clear view of the idea or is it fuzzy? Is it coming across clearly to your audience?
- ☐ **Precision** – Are you being exact about what you mean by a target concept or a description of events?
- ☐ **Accuracy** – Is what you're thinking or saying true?
- ☐ **Relevance** – Are all parts of what you're thinking or saying relevant?
- ☐ **Consistency** – Does something in what you think or say contradict something else?
- ☐ **Logical Correctness** – Do your conclusions logically follow from your reasons for those conclusions?
- ☐ **Completeness** – Are you leaving things out of what you say that should be kept in?
- ☐ **Fairness** – Are you treating people and ideas fairly in how you think about and discuss them?